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Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: A higher level was recorded in Tanna which took the lead in to-day's turnover, the general tone of the market being steady.

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MISS M. E. DE BIERE

Miss M. E. de Biere, daughter of Mrs de Biere, housekeeper of the Hongkong Hotel, died at Queen Mary Hospital yesterday morning after a long illness.

The funeral was held yesterday

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DUTABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE

The attention of all owners of soda fountains is drawn to an order published to-day under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance. The effect of this order is that soda fountains become factories under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance. Owners of soda fountains are requested to register their premises within 7 days.

E. W. HAMILTON,

Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

January 16, 1941.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
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U.S. Parachute Battalion

THE United States Army is preparing to raise its first parachute battalion.

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afternoon, the remains being cremated at the Hindu Crematorium, Soho.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land near Tai Shui Hang, Demarcation District 169, New Territories in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
1.13 The Boston Promenade Orchestra.—March—Entry of the Boys.—Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2; Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5; Song of India; Intermezzo, from "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Mascagni.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Debussy.—Arabesque No. 1 in E, Arabesque No. 2 in C, Menuet, Long (Piano); Petite Suite, En Bateau—Cortège—Menuet—Ballet... Symphony Orchestra cond. by Piero Coppola; Reverie, Walter Gieseking (Piano); Menuet, Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano accomp.

2.15 Close Down.
2.45 Indian Programme.
3.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.32 The Hill Billies (Vocal) and the London Piano-Accordion Band.
7.00 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.—1. Concerto in E Minor (Gurewicz)—1st Mov: Maestoso, 2nd Mov: Andante Sostenuto, 3rd Mov: Presto; 2. "Ilona" Hungarian Czardas (Gurewicz).
8.28 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

8.30 London Relay—"Theatreland."
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People."
9.45 Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Turiddu, a young soldier, Giovanni Bravario (Tenor); Santuzza, a village girl, Della Sanzio (Soprano); Lucia, mother of Turiddu, Olga De Franco (Contralto); Alfio, a constable, Piero Blasini (Baritone); Lella, wife of Alfio, M. Panicleoni (Mezzo-Sop.); and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

11.00 Close Down.

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New Headquarters For Police Department

The Hongkong Police administrative buildings will shortly be augmented by an imposing new structure which will house the headquarters of the Department and residential flats for senior officers and quarters for junior officers, etc.

The new building will be situated on the eastern side of the Central Police Station compound at the junction of Hollywood and Arbuthnot Road, and will cover an area of approximately 12,000 sq. ft. It will comprise six floors and have two special basements.

Main feature of the new building will be the two basements, which will contain a blast and splinter-proof A.R.P. Centre to accommodate 1,150 persons. They will have a mechanical ventilation plant, and in addition to the bomb-proof area, will contain general and individual ranges and the boiler room.

The ground floor of the new building will have office accommodation of about 7,440 sq. ft., with a waiting room and lavatories, etc. The main entrance is from the compound at the top of the existing approach road. This floor is connected to the existing building by a bridge. The first floor has office accommodation of about 6,102 sq. ft. with a waiting room, etc.

The second and third floors have been designed to accommodate junior officers in separate rooms or cubicles with common mess rooms, lounges, kitchens, lavatories, etc.

The fourth, fifth and sixth floors comprise six flats for senior Police officers. Each flat will contain a sitting-room, a dining-room, three bedrooms and two bath-rooms, kitchen and servants' quarters.

Two express lifts will serve from the lower basements to the sixth floor. The ground, first, second and third floors will be heated by means of central low-pressure water installation. The building throughout is fitted with steel windows.

The lower-external finish of the building will be in pre-cast terrazzo facing and the remainder in stipplecrete.

Architects for the new Police headquarters are Messrs Davies, Brooke and Grant and the Consulting Engineer Mr J. E. Faber.

According to the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police, the new building will house the Headquarters staff, including the executive officers, the Special Branch, which is now housed in the Chung Tin Building, and probably the Armoury and Finger Print Departments.

The present administrative building will remain in use, the top floor being

converted to barrack rooms, while the ground floor on the level with the compound will be utilised for expansion of existing offices, including the traffic office.

Mobile Public Exhibition

A.R.P. Demonstration

A rehearsal was held at A.R.P. Headquarters yesterday of the public A.R.P. mobile exhibition produced by Mr Wong Ka-tsun, District Warden, Central Division D, and Mr Wong Fo-lin, District Warden, Shaui-kiwan.

It is proposed to open the exhibition on January 20 in Hongkong and in Kowloon the next day from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Places and dates of the exhibition for the first three days are:

Hongkong
January 20.—Shaui-kiwan; Outside the Police Station, West of Kam Wa Street, Aldrich Street, Hoi An Street (North End).

January 21.—Quarry Bay; Marble Road, Chung Yung Street, Electric Road (near Oil Street), Bay View Police Station.

January 22.—Lam Sing Street, Dragon Terrace, Wun Shing Street, Tai Hang (foot of Tai Hang Road).

Kowloon
January 21.—Tsimshatsui; Corner of Canton and Peking Roads, Corner of Halphong and Hankow Roads, Canton Road (outside No. 130), Hillwood Road (outside No. 22), Corner of Observatory and Kimberley Roads.

January 22.—Yau-mati; Corner of Shanghai and Bowring Streets, Tak Shing Street (Outside No. 9), Corner of Chi Woo and Man Lam Streets, Corner of Nanking and Temple Streets, Junction of Battery Street and Reclamation Street.

January 23.—Corner of Shanghai and Pitt Streets, Corner of Reclamation and Soy Streets, Kwong Wah Street (Outside No. 7), Homantin Street (Outside No. 11).

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MAGAZINE PAGE



"I wish to blaze I could remember the Chinese word for stop!"

Formerly, many of us were narrow-minded, said Mrs Pleasant, who runs a canteen in her village. But now all England's being mixed, and shaken up, and people are finding out things they had never dreamed of, not in places only, but in people. And Mrs Pleasant asks if that is not as big a thing as the war?

A LETTER FROM EVERYDAY ENGLAND

by
Kathleen
Conyngham
Greene,
O.B.E.

"Don't talk about my canteen," said Mrs Pleasant, "that makes it sound too important. We call it the Seafield House Club."

"It was my idea, actually," said Mrs Pleasant's daughter.

Rosemary Pleasant, home on a week's leave from the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, had, as her mother put it, temporarily reverted to type. Her body was in a large chair; her legs were over its arm. She was simultaneously smoking cigarettes and eating chocolates. A number of fashion catalogues strewn the floor.

"It's rotten to have no place to go to when you're off duty," said Rosemary, "and it's about five miles to the big canteen at Windmill."

"That boy's preparatory school in the village was taken by the army," said Mrs Pleasant. "They've got about fifty men there. There are other men at the searchlight post, and gunners at Rock Head. I asked the officer in charge at the school if we could start a soldiers' reading and recreation room in our old stable. He gave us his blessing. So that's how it all began."

"Come and see it!" said Rosemary.

The old stable at Seafield House dates from coaching days. It had been cleared of inside divisions, floored with wood, and given windows, as a wet-day playroom for Rosemary and her brothers. Its door was opposite that of the Seafield House kitchen.

"There was a lot of spare furniture tucked away about the house," said Rosemary. "Those funny looking Victorian chairs are really jolly comfortable. The electric light was in already. The fireplace belonged to a sort of grooms' sitting room at the end. It only meant knocking down a wall to make it a part of this room. There's a sort of welcoming look about an open fire."

A big table at one end was covered with magazines and papers. "They like such odd things," said Mrs Pleasant, "motor bicycling and film papers, naturally! But one man asked if we'd take in a poultry magazine. Another got us to order him the Free French daily paper that the de Gaulle people publish over here—at his own expense too!"

"I think he must have fallen in love with some Mademoiselle from Armentieres," murmured Rosemary.

"Someone gave us the wireless," said Mrs Pleasant. "Someone else lent us the gramophone. We got records from everyone we knew. The last lot of men—regiment's change quite often—were from the North, and musical. The whole room would sit listening to Techni-Kowsky. The present lot want to play darts! Up those stairs are what used to be the chauffeur's rooms. We've got writing tables there now and some shelves of books. Two of the artillery men bring their own chess-board and chess-men and go up to the quiet room to play."

"Mum has to get the tea and sugar and margarine and so on through the Women's Voluntary Services," said Rosemary. "Each cup has to be entered and a return sent in. It means quite a lot of work! Most of the cakes are made in the house. Mrs Kitchener adores the soldiers."

"We don't attempt to give them sausages and eggs and bacon, like the real canteens," said Mrs Pleasant. "Just tea and cake and biscuits. They pay a penny for a cup of tea, another penny for a slice of cake. The tea's made in our own kitchen. I won't sell chocolate or cigarettes. It would not be fair on the village shop. But we sell writing paper and envelopes, and Mrs Kitchener has a reserve of stamps. People come in and help themselves to tea and cake and help themselves to lend a hand with sweeping and washing up."

We had left the old stable now. Rosemary had gone back to her dreams of un-uniformed apparel. Mrs Pleasant and I were walking across the lawn. The bank of flowers that sheltered the house was glowing with reds and golds, with smoke from a pyre of burning weeds blowing across like a feather. There was a glitter of sea beyond the jagged outline of Rock Head.

"It is strange how work comes to find one," said Mrs Pleasant. "I felt rather forlorn here, in the first war days, with Rosemary and the boys gone. We over-fittles are very willing. But we aren't much wanted in modern war. I took in London children before this coast became the battle line. When bombs began dropping, and the children went away, I couldn't go too, leaving the village to 'stick it!' Then came the soldiers—and here was my job at home!"

"It isn't only the tea and books and so on," she continued. "They like to have someone to listen. We've got part of a territorial battalion here now; mostly London men. One of my great friends used to be a waiter, another a bus conductor. His home was bombed last week. He had to leave to go and see about it. He stopped here on his way back to tell me his wife were all right. You see them opening their pocket books and showing snapshots of their babies and so on to the women who help with the tea. I don't suppose most of them had ever talked to real village people before. The friendliness doesn't end in the club rooms. We have football matches between the soldiers and the village. We're hoping to get an occasional concert party, and some singing in the evening. One Sergeant, an intelligent man, asked Rosemary for a book about trees. It was quite a new idea to him that they were, as he said, 'divided up in regiments, with different leaves, like badges.' . . . same as us."

This sort of war is a dull business, when it simply means looking at an empty sea. It's a good chance of learning new things for men, who've probably given all their time to earning a living since they left school."

We had reached the path that led to the village and to my bus for home.

"All England's being mixed, and shaken up," said Mrs Pleasant; "bodies and brains. I wonder, sometimes, if that isn't as big a thing as the war. Formerly many of us—country people, town people, North, South, Midland—were narrow-minded. Now the scattered families, and thousands of soldiers, have been jolted out of their grooves. They're finding out things they'd never dreamed of, not in places only, but in people; good things they thought could only flourish at home. We talk of building a better Britain after the war. I think we're beginning it now."

H. V. MORTON describes the Secret Abbey Funeral of Neville Chamberlain

THE ashes of Neville Chamberlain were secretly buried in Westminster Abbey in the presence of the Duke of Gloucester, who represented the King, Mr Winston Churchill and members of the Cabinet.

It was the first secret "public" funeral that has ever been held in the Abbey Church, and it will go down in history as the most remarkable funeral in the long annals of Westminster.

Great secrecy was maintained for obvious reasons. Only the Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps and the Press were informed; and all passes to the Abbey were marked "secret."

Arrangements had been made with a Government office that, in the event of air raid danger, a roof-spotter in Whitehall would give the alarm in time for members of the Cabinet and other mourners to be taken to shelter.

Purple Vestment

An hour before the service began I was standing in the cold, empty nave with the Dean of Westminster. The coffin, containing a small casket in which were the ex-premier's ashes, had been deposited the night before in the Warrior's Chapel, where Lord Allenby and Lord Plumer are buried.

As eight vergers, wearing purple vestments, lifted it shoulder-high and prepared to carry it through the church to the high altar, the first air raid alarm of the day sounded in London.

Slowly and solemnly the ashes of the man who flew to Munich, the man who believed that he had snatched safety out of the nettle danger, the man whose sad voice announced war on that mild September Sunday over a year ago, was carried through the Abbey to the wall of the sirs, a grim and horrible requiem.

The Dean turned to me and, opening the printed order of service, took from it an inset printed in red ink and said: "I hope there will be no need to interrupt the service."

I read that, should it be necessary to take cover, arrangements had been made for the Duke of Gloucester and members of the Cabinet to shelter in the Crypt of the Chapter House; that the Diplomatic Corps would be taken to the Pyx Chapel, and that the Chamberlain family and members of the Houses of Parliament would be taken to the Norman Undercroft.

Irony

What grim irony that the lover of peace, as Mr Chamberlain so often called himself, should have been buried in such an atmosphere. Six tall candles of unbleached wax burned round the catafalque upon which the coffin lay, and as the first mourners arrived the sirs blew the "Rulers passed."

Mrs Chamberlain, in deepest black with a dark veil hiding her face, was met at the west door by the Dean and conducted to a place in the Choir.

The Duke of Gloucester, in khaki, attended by an officer who wore a revolver at his belt, passed up the church gazing at some of the stained glass windows that have suffered—although slightly—from blast.

He was followed by Mr Winston Churchill, who led a sombre band of pall-bearers, which included Lord Halifax, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Simon, the Lord Chancellor, Sir Kingsley Wood, Mr Attlee, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Lord Stanhope, Capt. Margesson and Mr Arthur Chamberlain, a cousin.

The first part of the service was held in the choir and was conducted by the Dean of Westminster. The second part took place in the south aisle of the nave, where a stone had been removed next to the grave of Bonar Law.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in rich vestments of purple, stood at the graveside; opposite stood the sad figure of Mrs Neville Chamberlain. Behind her stood the Duke of Gloucester, and to one side, near the coffin, were the pall-bearers led by Mr Winston Churchill.

Commitment

Two vergers, opening a door in the foot of the coffin, withdrew a small casket of polished wood and a bunch of arum lilies. Casket and flowers were reverently lowered into the grave as the Archbishop pronounced the commitment.

The small group containing, perhaps, two hundred people, most of them men who had come straight from Ministries and Departments of State in their ordinary work-day clothes, was surely the least formal gathering that has ever attended an Abbey funeral.

There were not more than a dozen silk hats—one of them the Premier's—in the whole church. The only touch of splendour was provided by the rich vestments of the clergy.

Tribute

When the service was over, Mr Churchill, first, and then members of the Cabinet, filed past the grave and inclined their heads towards the ashes of their late leader. The Diplomatic Corps followed, and last to leave was Mrs Chamberlain, who stood, almost alone, gazing down into the grave.

She opened her bag and, taking from it a small crushed yellow chrysanthemum, knelt down and placed it beside the casket. Then, rising, she said good-bye to the man by whose side she once stood upon the balcony of Buckingham Palace before a wild and cheering crowd.

So ended the strangest "public" funeral that Westminster Abbey has ever known.

New York To Have A.R.P.

When and if an enemy force bombs New York, the city will be ready to fight resulting fires with knowledge obtained "in action" abroad.

Fire Commissioner McElligott, after receipt of reports from three New York firemen now observing in London announced that a volunteer corps of fire-fighters would be organized along the lines of the Air Raid Precautions brigade of London.

They will be trained in fire-fighting by 3,000 retired firemen, McElligott said, and will be equipped with roller trucks similar to those used for forest fire work. Untrained, and in steel helmets, their function will be to get to the scene of a bomb-ignited blaze and extinguish it quickly.

There will be a marine division also.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Depreciate
- 2—Pertaining to foundation
- 10—Viciously caste of perils
- 14—Crane
- 15—Angry
- 17—Kind of love
- 17—Foretell
- 18—One who plays pipe
- 19—True
- 20—Moves climatically
- 21—Arbitrate
- 24—Large duck
- 25—Tune
- 27—Looks steadily
- 30—In reluctant manner
- 32—Empire
- 32—In regard to
- 33—Complete
- 34—Sudden attack
- 35—Pinger
- 36—Leisurely
- 40—Noted period of time
- 42—Warning signal
- 43—Hindu ascetic
- 44—Boomer
- 46—Pis French cape
- 47—Chewing mammal
- 48—Vegetable dish
- 50—Form of spear
- 54—Papal government
- 55—Musical air
- 59—Showering insistent
- 61—Scene of British naval mutiny (1927)
- 62—Small body of water

DOWN

- 3—Animals with two feet
- 4—Not up
- 7—Tree juice
- 8—Listed article
- 9—Carnant for dead
- 12—Deserve
- 12—Sheep-like ruminant
- 13—Open space
- 13—Guided by water
- 21—Paleontologist
- 22—Unit of length
- 23—Pond's triple crown
- 25—Butts denoting occupation
- 26—Blood-vessel
- 27—Call forth
- 28—Period of time (pl.)
- 29—Ancient Irish freeman
- 30—Most impure
- 39—High member of Catholic clergy
- 43—Notable act
- 44—Notable act
- 46—Faintly
- 46—Faintly
- 48—Tune
- 48—Tune
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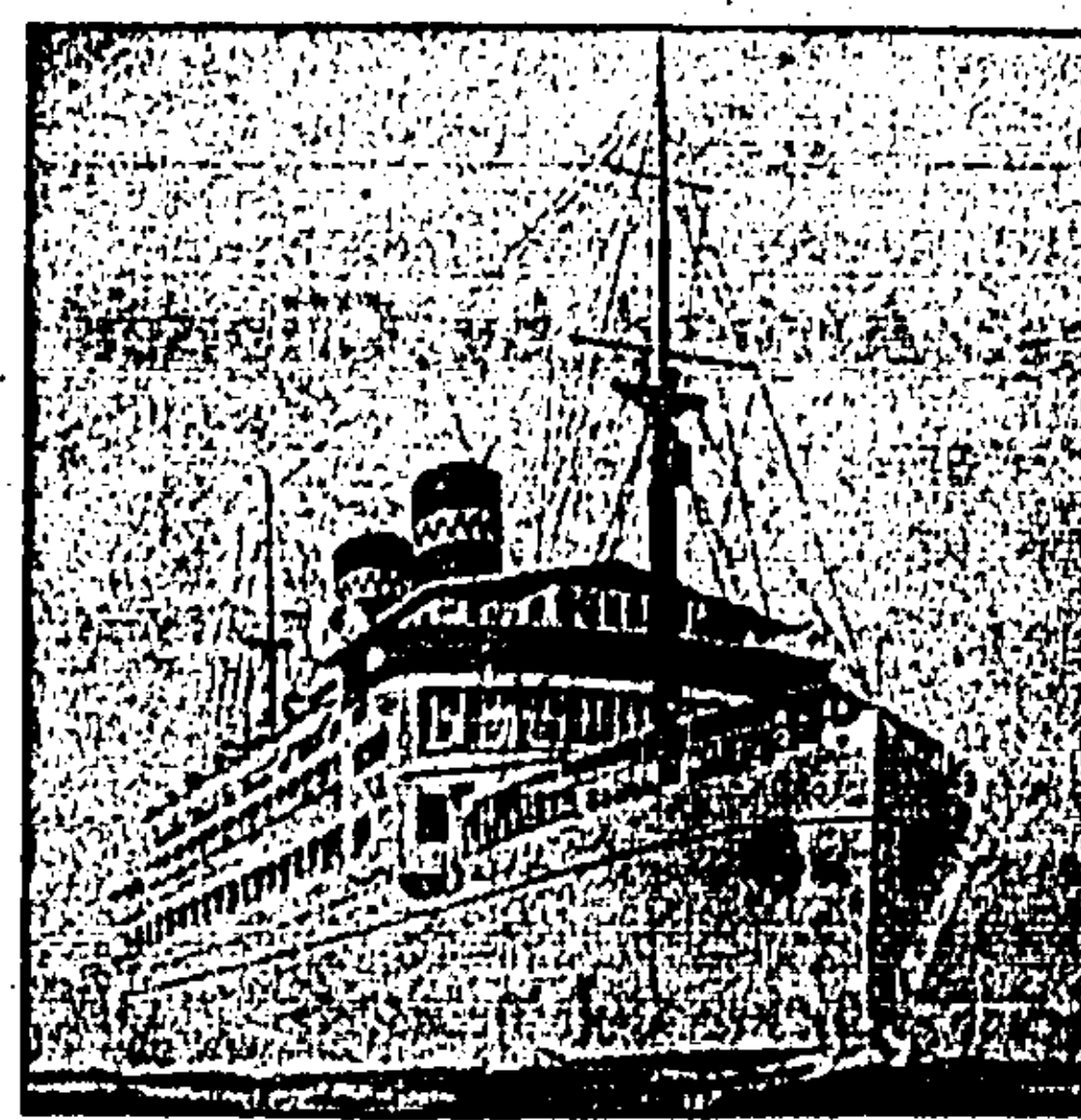
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COLONY'S BUDGET

CALMLY and confidently the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, the Colony's Financial Secretary, yesterday introduced before the Legislative Council a budget which, as an original estimate covering a 12-month period, is easily a record for Hongkong. The community faces the prospect of an expenditure of \$62,389,776 between April 1 this year and March 31, 1942, and an envisaged deficit of \$7,553,776 which is to be met by various means, including an increase in the rates of one per cent., further entertainment tax, increased estate duty and higher duties on liquor, as well as new taxation on table waters. All this, however, is only expected to produce about \$4,000,000, and the remaining part of the deficit is to be met by increased war taxation.

One-fifth of the expenditure is to be devoted specifically to war purposes, including local civil and military defences, and a community gift of vessels valued at \$5,220,000. The remaining \$50,000,000 constitutes domestic spending; for this, an effort is being made to maintain progress in social services; an infectious diseases hospital is to be built; there is to be a Fisheries Research Station and an Experimental Agricultural station in the New Territories with the avowed object of improving the nutrition of the Colony's population and at the same time help to make the Colony more self-supporting; two new police stations are to be constructed to meet the crying need for more effective police protection in Kowloon Tong and Wongneichong; and the vexed problem of nightsoil carrying and its present dangers of spreading disease, is to be solved by the work being taken over by the Sanitary Department. A new Public Mortuary is included in the programme, as well as a disinfecting station in Kowloon. Government subsidy of the Tung Wah hospital is to be increased to \$750,000, large sums of money are to be spent on an adequate cemetery for the Chinese in the New Territories and, we are promised, several lakhs will be spent on road maintenance and improvement.

This, then, is the balance sheet for the coming financial year; it will certainly not please everybody, but in these abnormal times it is a skillful effort to strike a happy medium

The war has been switched, and now...

It All Depends On The Navy

—by Captain—

Bernard Acworth, D.S.O., R.N.,
distinguished commentator on naval affairs.

TO those who are undergoing trial by bomb in London and other cities the war seems to be raging on their doorsteps, and the heavy merchant ship losses—no less than 195,000 tons last week—remind us that in the Atlantic, and round our shores, the Battle of Britain is not yet finally won, though we are getting the better of it.

Under such circumstances, the Mediterranean seems a long way off, and to many it might at first appear that events in these distant lands and seas must be second in importance to events at home.

But this is not in reality so, and it is far to the South and East where our greatest dangers, and opportunities, lie.

Hitler Knows

It is true that a successful invasion of this island—or, what would be equally effective, its successful blockade by U-boats—would lose us the war, as would the breaking of civilian will-power by bomb raids.

But in all these three aspects of the Blitzkrieg, Hitler knows that he is failing, and that it is elsewhere he must try to compass the defeat of the British Commonwealth—that is to say, in the Mediterranean.

To understand clearly the opportunities of decisive victory in the Mediterranean it may be well to outline very briefly the salient features of the strategical situation at the present moment.

Hitler, as we must admit, dominates the Continent of Europe, as did Napoleon, with his vast military war-machine, but we remain dominant at sea, and are thus able to blockade Europe, cutting off our enemies from the outside world, without which Germany and Italy cannot live indefinitely.

Blockade Weapon

The blockade, slow working as it is, is our chief offensive weapon, and it is the blockade which Hitler has therefore vowed to raise.

It is exercised at the three great sea-gates of Europe—Dover, Gibraltar and Aden—and, so long as we control

which deserves commendation. At a time when it is vitally necessary to strain every resource to assist in the Empire's fight for an enduring cause, Government might well have been excused if it had ignored social improvements; that the authorities, as the Hon. Mr. Butters expressed it, preferred to "try and steer a middle course and have followed the golden mean of practicality as against the extremes of both ultra conservatism and radical change", is both encouraging and consoling.

Extra taxation was inevitable, but the end is far more important than the means, and towards that end, it is to be hoped, Hongkong will cheerfully make its contribution.

these sea-gates, Hitler's military victories on land cannot be consolidated.

The Straits of Dover are in our hands, and will remain so, but Gibraltar and Aden are threatened, if only verbally at present, and these two vital sea-gates must be held.

If the Straits of Gibraltar were opened to enemy ships, and closed to ours, the blockade would be lifted, and the war, for us, would be out of hand.

Indeed, if the Axis, with the connivance of Spain, could establish control at the Straits of Gibraltar and Aden, our fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean could not be indefinitely sustained, and might even be caught in a trap.

So much for Gibraltar, against which Hitler and Mussolini are plotting, though the nature of the plot has not yet been revealed.

In the Eastern Mediterranean the war has flared up by Italy's attack on Greece. This attack, though ostensibly a wanton aggression against another little country, is in reality aimed as a mortal blow at Britain.

If...

Its object is to turn our armies out of Egypt and Palestine, and the Navy out of what Mussolini has prematurely called "Mare Nostrum"—Our Sea.

If Graziani could defeat our army in Egypt we should lose the great Naval base at Alexandria, and the port of Suez at the North of the Red Sea.

The loss of Suez, even with Aden in our hands, would immensely complicate, if it did not entirely preclude, the reinforcement of our Army in Palestine.

While Italy threatens our position in Egypt, Germany and Italy combined threaten our position in Palestine which, at present, is powerfully buttressed by Turkey against attack from the North.

Turkey's action in the near future is, therefore, awaited with anxious attention.

Battle-Sea

Should Turkey remain neutral, the Axis must "by-pass" Turkey and attack our army in Palestine through Syria.

But this means that the attack must be sea-borne, and hence the declaration of war on Greece by Italy in order, mainly, to obtain naval bases in the islands lying off the Dardanelles, which would control the entrance and exit to those Straits through which oil and wheat can flow.

Also Mussolini covets the Island of Crete, with its magnificent harbour at Suda Bay, which stands athwart the entrance to the Aegean Sea.

Once again, therefore, as throughout the history of the

world, the Eastern Mediterranean is a world battlefield, or, more accurately, a "battle-sea," because victory or defeat for either combatant turns on seapower.

As far as can be foreseen at the moment, the enemy's stupendous plan for the overthrow of the British Empire, which the Battle of Britain has failed to achieve, can, therefore, be summarised as follows:

"The Outer War"

The breaking of the blockade by overthrowing our sea control at Gibraltar and Aden. If the Axis cannot win this victory in what can most simply be described as "The Outer War," it cannot finally consolidate Hitler's "New Order," no matter what successes it achieves within this ring.

The land battles in Egypt will settle the fate of Alexandria, the Navy's main base in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Mussolini is committed to an attack on Egypt, and if his armies are threatened with defeat he will be compelled to reinforce across the Mediterranean, which will give the Navy its opportunity of a great sea battle that might prove as decisive on world history as Trafalgar.

Our Opportunities

Should Italy be able to seize naval bases on the Greek Islands, the threat to Syria, and thus to Palestine, will be intensified because, with Turkey neutral, the dispatch of Italian-German armies to Asia Minor by sea will be facilitated.

An attack on Palestine at the same time as we were repelling an attack on Egypt would give us two fronts to defend simultaneously, and would strain our military resources to the utmost.

The dangers facing Britain in the Eastern Mediterranean are great, but they are also the measure of our opportunities for a decisive victory over the Axis.

Victory or defeat depends upon the maintenance of our own sea communications with, and in, these narrow waters.

Never before in our adventurous history has so much depended in so small an area on the triumph of British sea power.

It is upon the Navy, under the good Providence of God, that victory must chiefly depend.

Editor's Note:—The foregoing article was written in the early stages of the campaign in the Mediterranean, since when Britain's naval and military forces have scored decisive victories over the Italians both at sea and in the African desert, thus breaking the plan of Axis strategy discussed by the author.

SECRET PACT BY THREE GENERALS

By Victor Schiff

IT is revealed now that when France was crumbling under invasion, three French colonial generals agreed secretly to fight on with the British Empire.

These rebels, who communicated with each other over thousands of miles, were:

General Nogues, in charge of all French forces in North Africa (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia);

General Mittelhauser, who had succeeded Weygand in Syria as C-in-C. of the French Army in the Orient; and

General Catroux, the Governor-General of Indo-China.

Two Gave Way

The first to give way—after much hesitation—to the pressure from the French Government was General Nogues.

General Mittelhauser, who had just assured General Wavell that he would ignore the armistice of Compiègne, then got cold feet and declared that he could not possibly continue the fight alone in the Mediterranean if he was let down by Nogues.

The third of the three "rebels," General Catroux, stuck to his word.

He was dismissed by Vichy, and had to leave the colony to escape arrest by his appointed successor, Admiral Decoux.

He came to London to collaborate with General de Gaulle.

Against Laval

The story is told by "France," the French daily newspaper in London, and comes apparently from General Catroux's entourage.

It gains interest in view of rumours about Nogues's reluctance to support the second capitulation of France now prepared by Laval, and of the Axis drive in the direction of Syria.

To meet De Gaulle, who had left for Africa when he arrived in London, General Catroux had to fly thousands of miles.

Their first dramatic meeting took place in the Sahara desert, at Fort-Lamy, the capital of the Chad colony, which was the first to break away from Vichy.

Now both M. Eboue, Negro Governor of the Chad, and General Catroux, are members of the National Council of Defence appointed by General de Gaulle.

PIONEER MALAYA PLANTER

"Montgomery of Kelantan"

Archibald Montgomery, known as "Montgomery of Kelantan," is dead but his memory will always live in the East Coast state—in the hearts of the kampong Malay, the turn of a road which converted virgin jungle into a prosperous area, in the dart of a snipe over level fields.

He died on the last day of the year at the Singapore General Hospital after 30 years in Malaya as a pioneer planter.

Kelantan knew Archibald Montgomery best. It was there he chose to live, and it was in the midst of the level rice fields that he worked, building roads, mining, prospecting in the jungles, planting almost everything the Malayan soil can grow.

No man had the welfare of the kampong Malay closer to his heart than Montgomery. He believed in him; worked unceasingly for him; urged his point of view on the councils of Government in problems arising from rubber regulation and export tariffs; emphasised how largely the welfare of Kelantan in general depended on the welfare of the rural.

He proved that, given proper guidance, diet and health, the proverbial "laziness" of the Malay is a

myth, for he employed, with great success, Malay peasants on work that is usually given to Chinese immigrant labour.

London Memories

London he knew well the old London of the West End, still at the Gaiety, opera halls and music halls. He liked to revisit these old haunts of his youth, but not for long.

He preferred sunshine to fog, and made his home in Kelantan where he lived in simple comfort, never happier than when entertaining one or two friends with an evening's snipe-shooting.

In 1934 he received the O.B.E.—a tribute that gave great pleasure to those who knew how well he had earned it. Another decoration Montgomery valued highly was the Kelantan Order, bestowed on him by the Sultan.

LAST WORDS OF ADVICE TO FAR EAST AXIS PROPONENT

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Far Eastern problems are the subject of leading articles in two influential British newspapers to-day.

The "Times" discusses the situation of the Netherlands East Indies and Japan, and the prominent provincial newspaper "Yorkshire Post," appeals to Japan to effect a rapprochement with the democracies.

The "Times" emphasises the strong pro-British sympathies of the Dutch Indies and recalls that immediately Holland was over-run, Tokyo assumed that the Dutch colonial empire would be ready to receive Japanese assistance.

They special mission under Koyabishi found the Indies willing to negotiate on an economic basis only and it returned to Tokyo with every protestation that the Dutch Indies did not come within the scope of the "new order of Greater Asia."

Although this was doubtless the official Tokyo view, says the "Times," it cannot altogether be without significance that the Japanese League for the emancipation of southeastern Asiatic nations has just issued a flamboyant manifesto in which races in the East Indies, Malaya, Burma, the Philippines and even India are mentioned as among those to be liberated.

Begins at Home

The "Times" adds that such emancipation is unlikely to appeal to any of these peoples. This form of charity begins at home—Japanese-occupied China for example.

The paper concludes that although Japan has so much in hand, the Netherlands authorities are not taking any risks and much wealth is being spent defence measures.

In the east as in the west, Great Britain and Holland stand together.

Under the title "Japan Thinks It Over," the "Yorkshire Post" discusses the effects of the Axis Pact on Japan. The chief result hitherto has been to bring Britain and America closer together in uncompromising resistance to Japan's aggressive designs. It recalls that Mr Cordell Hull yesterday pointed out that the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interests would be friendly relations with the United States. "Even to the fire-enters of Tokyo, that should be obvious enough; it is equally true of

Vital Dependence

The "Yorkshire Post" then points out Japan's dependence on America for engineering supplies and vital raw materials. It emphasises that Japan depends on Britain for 70 per cent. of the profits of her foreign trade.

More than this: the friendship of America and Britain would invite her to collaborate in the new world order, not based like Hitler's on tyranny and fraud, but framed to ensure justice and security for all nations great and small.

The article concludes that there are signs that Japan has begun to think over the alternatives and declares that her chief need is for a statesman with courage to join Mr Cordell Hull in telling her where her true interests lie before the "unhappy entanglement with the Axis becomes irrevocable."

RAIDS ON NAZI NAVAL BASES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced the R.A.F. attacked the Wilhelmshaven naval base throughout the night and caused extensive fires in the target areas. They also attacked the docks at Emden, Bremerhaven, Rotterdam, Flushing and the harbour at Brest.

German Version.—The official news agency says that the attack on Wilhelmshaven miscarried in a military sense and the bombs were dropped without any plan. Two hospitals were damaged in addition to some residences. There was no military damage.

The High Command, however, stated that "20 were killed and 30 injured at Wilhelmshaven." Informed German circles claimed that a U-boat sank a 14,000 ton merchantman but there are no details.

Illustrious Justifies Name In Savage Duel

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A thrilling account of how the aircraft carrier Illustrious successfully fought off determined dive-bombing attacks during Friday's German-Italian attack on a convoy, is told by a correspondent who was on board her.

Despite the fact that she was hit by a heavy bomb almost at the beginning, Illustrious successfully fought off her attackers for seven hours during which it is estimated that from 40 to 50 German planes dropped at least 100 1,000-lb. bombs in an attempt to sink her.

The correspondent was in the mess room when the bugles sounded the warning of the attack. He rushed to the bridge and only just reached it when a heavy bomb struck the flight deck. All the anti-aircraft guns were blazing away and although the German planes dived from all directions every gun crew kept up a steady stream of fire.

They stood in their unprotected positions blazing away despite flying splinters and machine-gun fire from the planes. What few breathing spells there were, were used by the crew to carry the wounded to places of comparative safety.

Blown Through Hatchway.—One heavy bomb dropped in the water close to the ship, sending a column of water high over the bridge and blowing the correspondent through a hatchway to the deck below. Between 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. there were never more than a few minutes free from action. Just before the seven hour ordeal ended the German planes made a determined torpedo attack. The Rear-Admiral stood on the bridge and gave the order to push ahead at top speed the moment the Germans dived. Their torpedoes crashed harmlessly into the water a few feet from her stern. The German attack cost them dear for plane after plane was caught in the curtain of fire and destroyed.

Vichy-Berlin Messages

Pétain Still Waiting

ZURICH, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Hitler's reply to the personal message which Marshal Pétain sent him before Christmas may be brought before the Vichy Cabinet on Saturday, according to the Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse."

He says that the long-awaited visit to Vichy of Comte de Brignon, the Vichy representative in Paris, is expected soon and it will be followed by a Cabinet meeting on Saturday to discuss Franco-German relations.

The correspondent recalls that Comte de Brignon is due to bring Hitler's reply to Marshal Pétain's message.

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Reports spread abroad concerning a meeting between Italian and German personages are devoid of foundation, states the official Italian news agency.

Colony's Loyalty To Crown

Council Resolution

A resolution, renewing the expression of the Colony's loyalty to the Throne on the occasion of its 100th anniversary, was moved by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut-General E. F. Norton, at a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday.

His Excellency said, "With the approval of the Council I propose that the following message be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for transmission to His Majesty the King, timing it so that if he graciously pleases to send us a reply we should get it in time for the centenary celebrations. The form of the resolution I suggest is 'That the Legislative Council of this Colony, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the Colony's foundation, humbly renews the expression of its loyalty to the Throne, and its devotion to the Empire's cause.' (Applause)."

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson: I have very great pleasure in seconding that.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo: On behalf of my Chinese colleagues and myself, I desire most respectfully to associate ourselves with the resolution. The resolution was carried unanimously.

NEWSMAN LOOKS AT THAILAND

Japanese Influence Grows

CHUNGKING, Jan. 15 (Central News).—The key fact about Thailand is that it is a revolutionary state with a great mass of peasants and with a tremendous illiteracy, declared Mr Theodore White, Chungking correspondent of "Time," who has returned here from a four-month tour of Indo-China, Thailand, Singapore, the Netherlands East Indies and Manila. Mr White, who was in Indo-China when the Japanese marched into that country, found that although Thailand insists upon democracy being the goal of its revolution, the influence of the democracies is waning in Thailand—a country ruled by a few educated people at the top.

There are two groups in the Thai government he said; a pro-Japanese group and a pro-democracies group. However, the pro-British and pro-American clique has but a small voice in governmental affairs while British influence, strong in the past, is fast disappearing.

Armed Forces

According to Mr White, the Thais are not a military people although that country has an army of between 125,000 and 150,000 out of a population of 14,000,000, an air force of 300 planes (mostly American-made), and a "doubtful" naval force which includes four submarines.

Mr White said that the Japanese urged the Thais to take back two pieces of territory from Indo-China after the French capitulation to the Germans. He said that there is a group in the Thai government who could be used to resist Japan's southward advance. He added that Thailand now finds herself in the same position as Poland in 1938 when the Czechoslovakian crisis flared up.

Toll Of Road In Past Week

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories, during the week ended on Saturday, there were altogether 94 traffic accidents as the result of which eight passengers were killed and 18 persons were injured.

Of the persons killed, six were knocked down and killed by trams and motor vehicles while crossing the carriageway, a Chinese female, age 58, and a Chinese male, age 49, by trams, two Chinese females, aged six and nine, and a Chinese male, age 32, by buses and a six-year-old boy, by a lorry. A Chinese male, age 45, was knocked down and killed by a bus whilst he was repairing the roadway and a Chinese male, age 25, died from injuries received on falling off a moving lorry.

Of the persons injured, 11 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway, a lorry passenger and two bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles, and four bus passengers were injured while alighting from moving buses.

Of the 94 accidents, 48 were collisions between vehicles, 31 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians and 17 were due to other causes.

Hoover On Powers Of President

Wants Definition Drafted

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Mr Herbert Hoover, the former President sent a letter to Mr Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, requesting a definition of President Roosevelt's powers under the Lend Lease and Lend Bill and calling on the Committee to draft into the Bill "positive definitions of the President and specifically to exclude what they are not."

Mr Hoover declares that such action would eliminate much controversy and bitterness.



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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Revised Weight Scale At Fanling Top Weight Not To Exceed 159 lbs: Minimum To Be 135 lbs

Change For The Better

QUICK DESPATCH, owned by Mr Kwok Hin-wang, can be recorded as the last Australian subscription griffin that had carried the top weight of 165 lb. to victory in the "Fanling Cup" (seven furlongs) at the Boxing Day Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, because we are going to start a new racing season with a lower scale of "weight for inches."

As from January 1, the scale of weights has been revised as under:

Australian Ponies	
14 hands 3 inches	152 lb. (reduced by 3 lb.)
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In all handicaps both for Australian and China ponies, the top weight allotted will not exceed 159 lb., and the bottom weight will not be less than 135 lb.

In the past the top weight for China ponies in the handicap events was 168 lb. A close study of the alteration of weights shows that the revision has favoured the China ponies more than the Australian cols. It may be wrong, but in my humble opinion "a preferential tariff" should be given to our "dumb friends" from the Antipodes.

Change for Better

HOWEVER, we are all unanimous that the radical change will be for the better owing to the fact that all the extra meetings of the Hongkong Jockey Club are held during the most trying summer months, and I am sure we shall find few stiff ponies on the walking list.

But it is to be hoped that owners will avoid the absurdity of putting up jockeys who cannot get down to the weight. We have, I must admit, a good bunch of feather-weight jockeys, but no one can convince me that there has not been a nice string of "beet stealer" riders. For better proof, one has only to look over the racing results and it will not take him long to compile a list of "overweight" jockeys.

Billiards

CORPORAL HARVEY WINS GARRISON TITLE

CORPORAL J. H. HARVEY, Royal Army Medical Corps, took senior billiards honours in Area sports last night, when, in the final of the Individual championship of the Soldiers' Club, he beat S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C., by 500-378.

On form last night, Harvey deserved this success. He took an early lead and maintained it to the end. The standard, however, was not very high. Both players broke down on easy shots on several occasions when set for a break, and as a

consequence the highest for the evening was only 31—this by Harvey. Scoring, on the other hands, was fairly rapid. The match lasted almost two hours.

Harvey's best breaks were 21, 24, 31 and 25. Wood's were 22, 23, 21 and 21.

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I HAVE BEEN watching the Australian subscription ponies over a month, but I dare not venture to nominate the winner of the Rooly-Hill Derby because there are at least over ten worthy contenders.

I believe that the following are stayers, namely, Black Seal, Corsair, Endeavour, Dutch Treat, Fresh Air, Lex Fori, National Welfare, Royal Sovereign, Santa-Anita, Sydney Diamond, Sydney Lady, Strathalbyn, Vitamin M. and Zadderday.

It appears to me that A Fine Time, Amulet Star, Bendemeer, Bendigo, Castle Hill, Coltridoo, Cruick Shot, Friday, Happy Returns, High Hat, Hole in One, King's Flight, Look See, Mainsail, Monaghan, Moonlight, Never-Never, Optima, Fide, River-bridge, Snow White, Seal Silver, United Express, War Tax, Wayworth and Willow are first class sprinters.

Fastest Gallop

At the time of writing the fastest gallop over the Derby course was performed by Black Seal, who covered 1½ miles in 3.17 with 20% seconds for the last quarter. It was certainly a wonderful show, but I do not like him on account of his colour. Santa-Anita was asked to show what he could do over the champion course of 1½ miles and the chestnut by Prince Charles took 2.26.2 to cover the circuit. The time was, without any doubt, fast, but there was no finish in the home run.

Sydney Diamond has the appearance of a first class animal and he is certainly a fine galloper. About a fortnight ago I saw National Welfare cover 1½ miles in 3.25 with 20% seconds for the last quarter and the last mile was galloped in 2.00.4. This mare is by Midnight Frolic, who also sired Quick Despatch.

I like Royal Sovereign's style of galloping and her recent display over the Derby course in 3.24% was a good show. There was nothing to write home about Zadderday's canter over the St Leger course in 4.08 but it appeared to me that the pony loved the jaunt and he finished on the bit.

The best sprint gallop of last Tuesday was by Hole in One (a sub) accompanied by Miss Chiff. Both (a griffin) and they certainly gave a demonstration of their wonderful legs over a mile in 2.02% coming home in 30 seconds with a few pounds to spare. Vitamin M. and Mainsail had a "look see" over the champion course in 2.46% but the last mile in 2.02% was very fast and the last half mile was run in 50% seconds, which was undoubtedly a grand performance. Castle Hill and Seal Silver had a nice spin over a mile in 2.07 and both will be Mr Black's mounts at the big meeting.

Sussex County C.C. Appeals To Members To Assist Finances

LONDON.—Sussex County Cricket Club are faced with a possible deficit of £450 and the committee, through Mr W. L. Knowles, the secretary, are appealing to members and all followers of Sussex to help the club balance its accounts without a financial loss by the end of the year.

At the beginning of the year Sussex invited members to send at least one half of their usual subscription and cut of a membership of 3,000 about 1,200 responded by giving £1,200. Many paid their full subscription.

Now the committee appeal earnestly to those members who have not subscribed to send a donation to the secretary so that there shall be no deficiency at the end of the year.—Our Own Correspondence.

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KOVACS TRIUMPHS—Francis L. Kovacs 2nd, of Oakland, Cal., left, with Wilmer L. Allison of Austin, Texas, former national champion, whom Kovacs defeated in tennis singles in invitation tourney in Seabright, N. J.

New List Of Records Will Be Necessary —Fast Times Anticipated

THE REVISION of "weight for inches as per scale" means that the Hongkong Jockey Club will have to compile a new record list of fastest times, both for Australian and China ponies, at the Spring Meeting and we may look forward to see some very fast runs.

As a matter of news, I append below a complete list of Australian

Date	Distance	Pony	Weight	Time
3.12.38	From the 1½ Mile Post	Lancashire Chips	152 lb.	.59%
26.9.38	Five Furlongs	Strathroy	165 lb.	1.02%
4.6.38	Six Furlongs	Courting Eve	165 lb.	
17.2.40		Far View	155 lb.	1.16%
11.5.40	One Mile	Sapper	163 lb.	1.42%
29.3.37	From the two mile post, once round and in.)	Strathroy	165 lb.	1.55%
27.2.37	1½ Miles	Strathroy	152 lb.	2.10%
20.2.40	1½ Miles	Far View	155 lb.	2.41%
21.11.36	1½ Miles	Strathroy	156 lb.	3.11%
6.4.40	Two Miles	Amicus Curiae	165 lb.	3.38%

Though the brown progeny of Pacolet is no longer on the "active list," it will be seen from the above that Strathroy belonging to Mr J. F. Macgregor has four track records to his credit and the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club will have to

place them in the archives for safe custody.

China Ponies

HEREUNDER is a list of China ponies fastest times for various distances at the old scale weight, which was in force from January, 1931, to the end of December, 1940:

Date	Distance	Pony	Weight	Time
25.2.39	Half Mile	Portrush	155 lb.	.58%
20.2.40	From the 1½ Mile Post	Splylight	164 lb.	1.02%
20.4.35	Five Furlongs	Oak Bay	161 lb.	
20.2.37		Bear Claw	161 lb.	1.00%
21.2.40	Six Furlongs	Mount Hope Bay	161 lb.	1.21%
19.11.32	Seven Furlongs	Glencleaves	165 lb.	1.42%
20.2.35	Once Round	Soldier of Britain	165 lb.	1.44%
20.2.40	One Mile	Burford	161 lb.	1.51%
10.4.38	From the Two Mile Post, once round and in.	Desert Chief	164 lb.	2.05%
14.12.40	1½ Miles	Confusion Bay	161 lb.	2.10%
19.2.40	1½ Miles	Satinlight	161 lb.	2.50%
20.2.35	1½ Miles	Liberty Bay	161 lb.	3.32%

Chinese R. C. Meeting

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold their annual general meeting at the clubhouse, Causeway Bay, on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Among the items on the agenda are proposals to increase the entrance fee from \$30 to \$50 and to admit lady members.

Club Soccer Teams

The following will represent Hongkong Football Club against Police and Navy in the first and second divisions respectively of the Hongkong Football League to-morrow:
1st XI (Boundary Street): J. Odell, S. H. Strange and J. Sloan; 2. Skinner, Upton and J. H. Millington; 3. Fowler, Davies, Teitelbaum, Scott and Bickford; 4. 2nd XI (Carroll Hill): Suter, McEwan and Grattan; Macfarlane, Guchrist and Carr; Haynes, Foulard, Lodge, A. Odell and Hopkinson.

carrying 161 lb., was the first to annex the Hongkong Derby.

A 14.1 China pony at the coming annual meeting will have to shoulder only 152 lb. and we shall certainly see some fast runners. It is reliably learned that there are over 350 Australian and China ponies training hard for the Annual Race Meeting and I am glad to report that Mr Eric Molter's string of over a dozen animals arrived here last week.

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Illustrious Hit By A Thousand-Pound Bomb

LONDON, Jan. 16 (British Wireless).—Correspondents of news agencies present on the Aircraft-Carrier *Illustrious* during attacks by German dive-bombers last week give remarkable accounts of the episode, which will find a place in naval history as an example of the fortitude and devotion to duty of officers and men under the severest bombardment and may prove to have been one of the historic tests of the effectiveness of the air weapon against warships at sea.

The stories were written as the *Illustrious*, battle-scarred but triumphant, made port under her own steam. She had fought off waves of German dive-bombers at intervals for seven hours in the Sicilian Channel.

Correspondents agree that the German Air Force in its first appearance in the Mediterranean gave the British aircraft-carrier one of the severest poundings ever delivered from the air against a single ship. The *Illustrious* never ceased to fight back and the correspondents cannot find words to express their admiration for the coolness and discipline of the air crew.

The fleet was carrying out routine covering operations for a convoy in the Central Mediterranean when the first attack occurred. Soon after noon two torpedo-carrying aircraft appeared, but their torpedoes passed harmlessly astern.

Main Assault Begins
Then, somewhat later, the main assault developed. Three Junkers 87's were seen approaching out of a cloud. The guns of all the ships opened up a terrific barrage. Four more planes joined the first three. The sky seemed filled with bursting shells and twisting planes. The noise was appalling. As the leading plane dived it released a single thousand-pound bomb which fell into the sea slightly astern.

The first hit was scored by a German bomber soon after the last of the Fleet Air Arm machines had taken off from the flight deck to engage the enemy. A tremendous explosion shook the ship as a thousand-pounder burst below the bridge, but fortunately the damage was only slight.

One correspondent describes how the next thing he saw "was the wing of a German plane drop from the sky and fall across the after lift of the *Illustrious*. The air was filled with almost overpowering fumes. The guns of the aircraft-carrier continued to roar, the chatter of pom-poms mingling with the harsher crack of heavier armament. Planes continued to dive so low that they sounded as though they were almost landing on the flight deck. At intervals the ship continued to shudder from near misses."

Nazi Daring Acknowledged

All the correspondents' comments on the daring of the German pilots. The German dive-bombers, it is said, appeared to converge from all sides and then to dive in rapid succession. Meeting the full strength of a terrific barrage, they nevertheless held their bombs for release at the very last moment.

At last the attack came to an end. The correspondents, to whom the short time had seemed an eternity, were understandably comforted to hear the Admiral remark as he descended from the bridge to examine the damage—"That was the longest five minutes I've had in my life."

Splintered and riddled steel struts and wires sprawled where a few

WILHELMSHAVEN ATTACKED

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter Bulletin).—The R.A.F. made its heaviest attack on Wilhelmshaven naval base last night. It was greater than any of the previous 39 raids on this port. Targets of vital military and naval importance were subjected to the most successful attack ever delivered.

It is believed that when full reports of the terrific raid are received it will be found that this important centre of German war activity has been so hammered that it will be some considerable time before it will be able to resume normal war work.

The attack was a concentrated one and had been carefully planned.

Other objectives last night were the Brest harbour operations and docks at Emden, Rotterdam and Flushing, as well as aerodromes and other targets in North-west Germany and Holland. One British aircraft is missing.

minutes before they had stood trim and solid. Cascades of water escaped from holed pipes. The flight-deck was covered from end to end with debris from the bomb explosion. Further forward was a wrecked crane. The wounded were tended as fast as possible.

But the respite was only temporary. Eleven high-level planes drew a further tremendous barrage of fire from the aircraft-carrier's guns. This attack did not result in any further hits and was apparently part of an attack against the fleet in general as distinct from the concentrated fury which the dive-bombers brought against the most vulnerable target in the whole escort, namely the *Illustrious* herself.

Some Near Misses

The high-level attack was followed by the second appearance of dive-bombers. In this onslaught the aircraft-carrier received a few near misses, causing many perforations above and below the waterline. The afternoon dragged slowly on with further intermittent bombing.

At dusk the enemy tried a further aerial torpedo attack. Once more a barrage went up, only two of the guns having been put out of action. Then darkness brought an end to the story. When the vessel reached port the wounded were quickly removed to hospital.—British Wireless.



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The library already has 20 such films. All money turned in for subscription, contributions and hire of films, will be used to defray expenses in running the Club and obtaining essential gear such as screens, etc. A further meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, tentatively, in the Y.M.C.A.

Any further information will be given gladly by Mr A. F. Kaufman, c/o Naval Dockyard, Hongkong, Mr E. W. Ralston, Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, or Mr W. H. Colledge, I. & E. Office, Hongkong.

MR KENNEDY TO SPEAK FRANKLY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Following a conference with President Roosevelt, Mr Joseph Kennedy, ex-Ambassador to London, said he planned to make frank radio address next Saturday night, at 7.30, when he will emphasize the need of "staying out of the war."

He declared: "For once, I am going to say for myself what I have on my mind."

He said he had told the President about it.

Emergency Mercantile Fleet For America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has formally asked Congress for authority to build a fleet of 200 merchant ships "on an emergency basis." He has also asked for an appropriation of \$213,000,000 to cover the cost.

President Roosevelt made the request in a message to Congress in which he said, "I am convinced that the national interests demand immediate steps to be taken to provide against the effect upon the United States of a possible world shortage of cargo vessels."

The President's message added that emergency ship construction should not be permitted to interfere with the long-range shipbuilding programme which the United States Maritime Commission was already pushing forward, nor with naval construction.

There has been some speculation whether these new ships might be lent to Britain or whether they will replace existing ships which might be transferred to Britain.

Tribesmen Ready To Revolt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The British advisers of Haile Selassie said to-day that the Negus had sent a letter from Khartoum indicating that the Abyssinian movement is approaching a climax with 90 per cent of the tribesmen ready to revolt at the Emperor's command.

Chinese Ambulance Association Dance

The Hongkong Overseas Chinese Ambulance Association will hold a Chinese New Year Cabaret-Supper Dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on January 27, from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Excellent entertainment has been arranged, with the following artists contributing towards a delightful programme: Mme Stone, of the Vienna State Opera, who will sing Massenet's "Herodias" and Grieg's "I Love Thee"; Prof. Yong, of California, who will give a demonstration of magic; Miss Allison Fisher, who will croon some of the latest song hits; James Wong and Mary Chang, who will demonstrate the Tango; E. W. Perry ("The Serenader") who will present further vocal items; and Miss Alice Lum, who will entertain with a fan dance.

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GERMAN TROOPS POUR INTO RUMANIA: TENSE ATMOSPHERE PREVAILS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The greatest
uneasiness is felt in Rumania at the increasing
arrivals of fresh German troops, which are now
estimated to total 12 divisions, say the Istanbul
correspondent of the independent French agency.
He adds that the number is shortly expected
to reach 18 divisions.

Vichy Cabinet Resigns, Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Jan. 16 (UP).—
Entirely unconfirmed reports
are reaching well informed
German circles to the effect
that the French Cabinet at
Vichy has resigned in order
to enable Marshal Petain to
appoint a new Cabinet.
A French Government
spokesman told foreign
newspaper correspondents:
"There is nothing in the way
for Laval's re-entry into the
Government."

WRECKED GERMAN BASE

Wilhelmshaven Raid

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—
After the first wave of air-
craft had arrived at Wilhelm-
shaven on Wednesday night, it
was only necessary for the
strong force which followed to
find the Dutch coast, says the
Air Ministry.

From then onwards they were
led by a glare in the sky across
Holland and 60 miles into Ger-
many to the flames which were
all that many pilots could see of
the main base of the German
North Sea Fleet.

The chief focus of the attack was
Bauhaven, where are crowded ship-
yards, docks, engineering works, a
storehouse, assembling sheds, armour
plate shops, foundries, iron works,
gun stores and a floating dock for the
largest warships.

All this was one huge raging
fire.

A pilot said, "It was more like
stoking than bombing. We just
shoveled our bombs into the fires
and watched them increase."

The fires covered thousands of
square yards within which lay a
large proportion of Wilhelmshaven's
military objectives. Huge explosions
were also heard.

The first attack lasted from 8 p.m.
to midnight. The second attack be-
gan between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. this
morning. This started many new
fires and also fed the flames which
were still burning. Few targets in
Germany are so well defended and
the pilots had to pass through a
prodigious barrage.

Reorganisation Of Transport

By Nazis In Poland

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—
The German authorities in
occupied Poland have undertaken
a complete reorganisation of
Polish railways and waterways
in order to adapt them to the
German transport system, ac-
cording to news received in
well-informed circles in London
to-day.

The plan for the extension of
waterways includes the linking of
Polish canals with German canals
from east to west. Polish canals here
also note with interest that all Ger-
man stations along the Soviet-Ger-
man frontier will be considerably
enlarged.

The Vistula will be linked with
the Oder and the Danube by a canal.
The Bydgoszcz will be deepened to
take ships of 1,000 tons displacement.

Rumanian military circles con-
sider that these moves are aimed
to occupy Rumania in the
event of upheavals that might
imperil German food supplies;
secondly, to hold a threat over
south-eastern European states
and Turkey particularly, and also
to prepare a spring offensive
against Greece.

The German troops arrive
mostly straight from France, an
officer saying that they came
from Paris in a week with them
came a number of Renault
(French) lorries. The troops
are in four main groups, one in
Moldavia, opposite the Soviet
frontier; one in the region of
Bucharest and Ploesti oil zone; a
third, apparently reserves, in
Bannat where it is supported by
members of the German
minority holding keyposts in the
municipalities; and a fourth
group along the line of the
Danube, opposite Bulgaria.

Turkey's Warning

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The
Turkish press discussing the chances
of the Bulgarians keeping out of the
war, says that if Bulgaria consents
to the transit of German troops it
would drag her right into the midst
of the tempest and another war front
would be opened.

It would be a mistake to think that
Soviet neutrality would remain un-
affected in such an event.

Reports continue to be received
that Germans are arriving in Bulgaria
by the hundreds as tourists and com-
mercial travellers. Moscow radio has
again broadcast a denial of German
inspired reports that Russia has
consented to the movement of Ger-
man troops in Bulgaria and has also
re-broadcast Bulgaria's denial of
these reports.

ROTTING PLANES

What Italians Left At El Adem

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—
Eighty-seven planes lie rotting
at the vast Italian aerodrome of
El Adem in Libya, states the
Air Ministry. Most of them
were rendered unserviceable by
R.A.F. attacks and were finally
fired by the retreating Italians.

In one hangar alone were 22 burnt-
out skeletons of planes.
The huge aerodrome, now desolate,
had been made by the Italians a very
comfortable base with up-to-date
kitchens, shower-baths, billiard
tables, tennis and badminton courts.

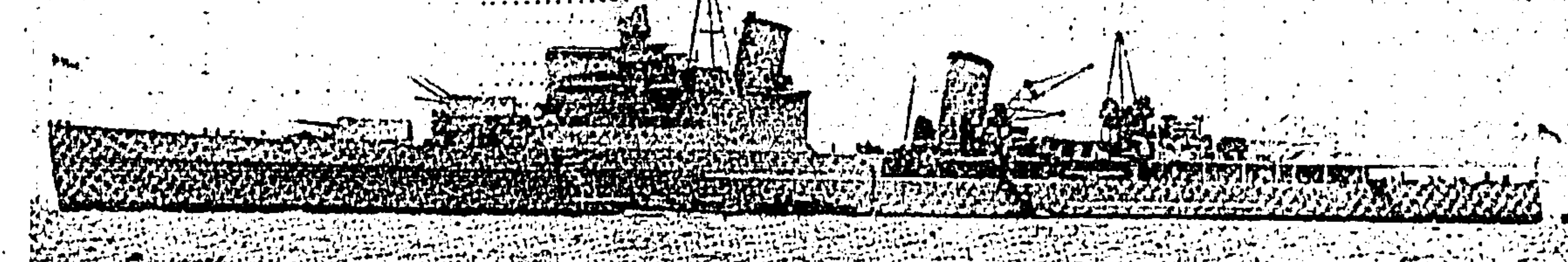
The important wireless installation
was destroyed but the large electric
power station was not sabotaged.
In the huge joiners' shop were dis-
covered ten canvas squares with
R.A.F. identification circles. The
machine shops were equipped on up-
to-date lines. All around the
aerodrome huge stocks of Italian
provisions and petrol remained un-
touched, testifying to the speed of
the enemy's flight.

OFFICER IDENTIFIES BODY OF MURDERED MOTHER

ST. PANCRAS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The inquest on Mrs
Lloyd James, wife of Professor Lloyd James, was formally ad-
journing to-day to February 21, and will follow the criminal pro-
ceedings against the husband.

The blood-stained carving fork
and hammer found in the room
with the corpse was produced in
Court.

Flying Officer David James,
formerly the youngest B.D.C. an-
nouncer, wearing the Royal Air Force
uniform, gave evidence to-day of
identification and stated that he



British Naval Loss: Cruiser Destroyed

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces
that the cruiser Southampton—a target of joint German-Italian
air attack in the central Mediterranean on Friday—is a total
loss.

In flames after being hit, she had to be sunk by British
forces when she could not be towed to port.

An Admiralty communique
states: "The Board of the Ad-
miralty regrets to announce that
H.M.S. Southampton (Captain
E. C. D. Brooks) has become a
total loss. As announced on
January 14, the Southampton
was hit during an air attack on
our ships in the Mediterranean.
Fire broke out on board.

Impossible To Tow

"As a result of the damage, the fire
later attained such proportions that it
became necessary to abandon the
ship. The Southampton subsequently
had to be sunk by our own forces
when it was found impracticable to
tow her into port. The great
majority of the crew have been
saved."

HUGE SPENDING APPROVED

For U.S. Ships And Yards

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—
The House Naval Affairs Committee
to-day approved of and urged the
prompt passing of a \$1,200,000,000
emergency authorisation.

The Bill would include the con-
struction of 400 important auxiliary
naval vessels costing \$400,000,000 of
which the Navy Department would
build only 200 at present.

Provision would also be made for
the expenditure of \$315,000,000 on
shipyards and \$104,000,000 to build
factories made necessary by British
needs for cargo ships and guns. It
would also provide for the armour
needed for American naval expan-
sion.

British Leaders Of Polish Squadrons

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Three
R.A.F. Officers have been awarded
the highest Polish award.

They are Squadron Leaders R. G.
Kellett, J. A. Kent and A. S. Ford,
all leaders of Polish squadrons.
They were presented with their
medals by General Sikorski, the
Polish Commander-in-Chief. All
three already hold the D.F.C., while
Kellett also holds the D.S.O.

Obstacles To Soviet- Japanese Amity Pact

MOSCOW, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—That the Soviet-Japanese
pact is hanging fire and agreement appears as far off as ever,
is the general impression here. With the arrival of the new
Japanese Ambassador, Lieut. General Tatekawa last October, the
conviction grew that a Soviet-Japanese Non-Aggression Pact
would be signed very shortly.

M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign
Minister, and Mr. Yosuke
Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign
Minister, have both stated that
there is no reason why relations
between the two countries should
not be on a normal footing.

It was generally believed that the
new ambassador had brought a
scheme on which a measure of agree-
ment had been reached. He has seen
M. Molotov several times but ap-
parently an agreement is as far off
as ever.

It is generally believed that the
Japanese are prepared to make far-
reaching concessions in return for
Soviet recognition of Manchukuo and
the cessation of Soviet help to China.

What Tokyo Would Yield
It is rumoured that Japan would
regard Inner Mongolia as a Soviet
sphere of influence, accord special
railway and clearance facilities at
Dairen and might even come to an
agreement over Southern Sakhalin,
but that Japan would not give way
on the question of fisheries so vital
to Japan, Russia never having ac-
cepted gladly the loss of the fishing
rights which Japan gained after the
 Russo-Japanese war.

Referring to the sinking of ships
bringing goods to Eire, Sean Le Maas
said that the Government was
endeavouring to purchase ships but
that might not solve the problem.
The loss of ships had made supplies
of petrol uncertain. There was no
cause for immediate anxiety as re-
gards tea and there was no need to
rationing.

Italo-Greek Peace Talks Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SOFIA, Jan. 16 (UP).—It is
neutral diplomatic sources declare
that the Germans have been negotiat-
ing for some time at Athens for peace
between Greece and Italy. The re-
port is not confirmed.

LOSS TO THE NAVY

Here is H.M.S. South-
ampton, the 9,000-ton
cruiser which has now
been officially declared a
total loss as a result of the
damage she sustained in
last week's Mediterranean
engagement.

Fierce R.A.F. Attacks On Italian Bases

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (UP).—An
official communique issued to-
day stated that R.A.F. bombers
caused very heavy damage to
the Benghazi harbour on Monday
and Tuesday nights. At Benina
the aerodrome was machine-
gunned and a number of planes
destroyed.

An Italian position at Assab
in East Africa, was raided on
Tuesday night where attacks
were made on stores and ware-
houses. A large fire was started.
At Benghazi "the harbour
was heavily bombed and large
fires were started in the build-
ings. Shipping was also attack-
ed."

Catania Hit Hard

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (UP).—An R.A.F.
reconnaissance flight over Catania
showed that during the raid on the
night of January 12, between 30 and
40 planes were either burned out or
severely damaged, three hangars
badly hit and the Administrative
buildings damaged.

Damaging Attacks

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Be-
tween 30 and 40 enemy aircraft were
burnt out and several were damaged
by the R.A.F.'s initial raid on
Catania airport in Sicily on Sunday
night.

Italy's Libyan port of Benghazi
was heavily raided both on Monday
and Tuesday nights.
These disclosures were made by an
R.A.F. communique issued here to-
day. Describing the Benghazi raids,
the communique says that the main
moles of the harbour were heavily
bombed and large fires were caused
among the buildings around the
Customs house. A heavy explosion
occurred at the base of the mole.

Other bombers hit buildings on the
quayside and straddled Government
buildings. Shipping was also at-
tacked.

On the return journey, the aircraft
machine-gunned Benina aerodrome.
Two enemy aircraft were set afire
and destroyed and damage was
caused to a number of others.

Aerial Patrol

"In the forward area (of the
British advance into Libya), between
Tobruk and Derna, our fighters main-
tained a constant patrol but no en-
gagements with the enemy took
place."

The communique records raids in
Italian East Africa on the Assab
stores on Tuesday night and on
Asmara the previous night, and re-
ports that from all operations all but
one fighter, shot down in Libya, re-
turned safely.

STRIKES BREAK OUT IN SHANGHAI

Coincident With The Chinese New Year

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (UP).—
With the approach of the
Chinese New Year which falls on
January 27, an epidemic of
strikes is spreading in Shang-
hai.

The messengers of the local
telegraph offices are quitting
their work, demanding for
higher wages, while the "Shang-
hai Evening Post and Mercury"
appeared in the streets during
late evening to-day instead of
early afternoon, as a result of a
go-slow strike in the printing
room, while negotiations regard-
ing the demands of its Chinese
workers are going on.

Many barbers still have not re-
turned to work.

Office boys and messengers of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation joined the strikers this
afternoon after the management had
rejected their demands. The office
boys and messengers first walked out
on Wednesday when they struck for
two hours. However, they returned
pending completion of negotiations.

BRITISH ASSETS IN AMERICA

Morgenthau's Statement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—
Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary
of the Treasury, declaring himself
in favour of the Lease and Lend
Bill, told a press conference that
to the best of his knowledge Mr. Churchill's Government had no assets
available for American purchases
apart from the \$1,775,000,000 which
he reported to Congress on Wednes-
day.

He explained that although the as-
sets did not include the values from
Canadian and other Empire invest-
ments in the United States, these
additional resources were not avail-
able to London.

Declining to estimate the value of
these assets, Mr. Morgenthau said that
the British Empire is a family and
has the same problems as a human
family. Because some members of a
family have assets, it does not mean
necessarily that they belong to the
rest of the family.

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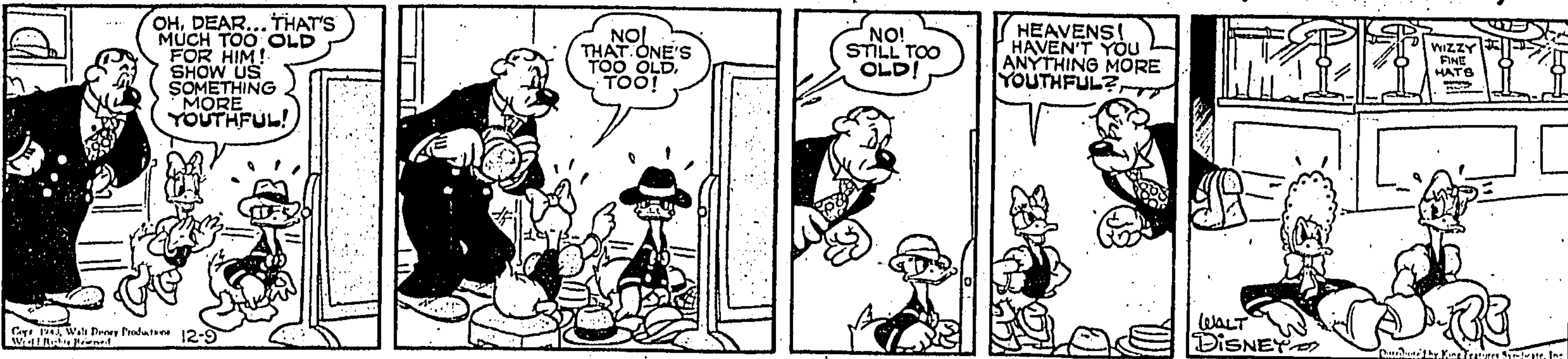
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Further Late News

Okazaki in India from H.K. Gives Interview

BOMBAY, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Japan's desire was for closer
trade relations with India, Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, the new Consul-
General in Calcutta (and former Consul-General in Hongkong)
told "Reuter" on his arrival here to-day.

He denied that Japan had any
ambitions to expand southwards. As
far as he knew, Japanese negotiations
with the Dutch East Indies for oil
were proceeding smoothly.
As regards trade with India, the
position was satisfactory but Japan
desired closer trade relations and he
would do his best to bring that about.

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MAGAZINE PAGE



"I wish to blaze I could remember the Chinese word for stop!"

Formerly, many of us were narrow-minded, said Mrs Pleasant, who runs a canteen in her village. But now all England's being mixed, and shaken up, and people are finding out things they had never dreamed of, not in places only, but in people. And Mrs Pleasant asks if that is not as big a thing as the war?

A LETTER FROM EVERYDAY ENGLAND

by Kathleen Conyngham Greene, O.B.E.

"Don't talk about my canteen," said Mrs Pleasant, "that makes it sound too important. We call it the Seaford House Club."

"It was my idea, actually," said Mrs Pleasant's daughter.

Rosemary Pleasant, home on a week's leave from the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, had, as her mother put it, temporarily reverted to type. Her body was in a large chair; her legs were over its arm. She was simultaneously smoking cigarettes and eating chocolates. A number of fashion catalogues strewn the floor.

"It's rotten to have no place to go to when you're off duty," said Rosemary, "and it's about five miles to the big canteen at Windchill."

"That boy's preparatory school in the village was taken by the army," said Mrs Pleasant. "They've got about fifty men there. There are other men at the searchlight posts, and gunners at Rock Head. I asked the officer in charge at the school if we could start a soldiers' reading and recreation room in our old stable. He gave us his blessing. So that's how it all began."

"Come and see it!" said Rosemary.

The old stable at Seaford House dates from coaching days. It had been cleared of inside divisions, floored with wood, and given windows, as a wet-day playground for Rosemary and her brothers. Its door was opposite that of the Seaford House kitchen.

"There was a lot of spare furniture tucked away about the house," said Rosemary. "Those funny looking Victorian chairs are really jolly comfortable. The electric light was in already. The fireplace belonged to a sort of broom sitting room at the end. It only meant knocking down a wall to make it a part of this room. There's a sort of welcoming look about an open fire."

A big table at one end was covered with magazines and papers. "They like such odd things," said Mrs Pleasant, "motor bicycling and film papers, naturally! But one man asked if we'd take in a poultry magazine. Another got us to order him the Free French daily paper that the de Gaulle people publish over here—at his own expense too!"

"I think he must have fallen in love with some Mademoiselle from Armentieres," murmured Rosemary.

"Someone gave us the wireless," said Mrs Pleasant. "Someone also lent us the gramophone. We got records from everyone we knew. The last lot of men—regiments change quite often—were from the North, and musical. The whole room would sit listening to Tschinkovsky. The present lot want to play darts! Up those stairs are what used to be the chauffeur's rooms. We've got writing tables there now and some shelves of books. Two of the artillery men bring their own chess-board and chess-men and go up to the quiet room to play."

"Mum has to get the tea and sugar and margarine and so on through the Women's Voluntary Services," said Rosemary. "Each cup has to be entered and a return sent in. It means quite a lot of work! Most of the cakes are made in the house. Mrs Kitchen adores the soldiers."

"We don't attempt to give them sausages and eggs and bacon, like the real canteens," said Mrs Pleasant. "Just tea and cake and biscuits. They pay a penny for a cup of tea, another penny for a slice of cake. The tea's made in our own kitchen. I won't sell chocolate or cigarettes. It would not be fair on the village shop. But we sell writing paper and envelopes, and Mrs Kitchen has a reserve of stamps. People come in and help us at the busy times. The men themselves love to lend a hand with sweeping and washing up." We had left the old stable now. Rosemary had gone back to her dreams of un-uniformed apparel. Mrs Pleasant and I were walking across the lawn. The bank of trees that sheltered the house was glowing with reds and golds, with smoke from a pyre of burning weeds blowing across like a feather. There was a glitter of sea beyond the jagged outline of Rock Head.

"It is strange how work comes to find one," said Mrs Pleasant. "I felt rather forlorn here, in the first war days, with Rosemary and the boys home. We over-fitted are very willing. But we aren't much wanted in modern war. I took in London children before this coast became the battle line. When bombs began dropping, and the children went away, I couldn't go too, leaving the village to 'stick it!' Then came the soldiers—and here was my job at home!"

"It isn't only the tea and books and so on," she continued. "They like to have someone to listen. We've got part of a territorial battalion here now; mostly London men. One of my great friends used to be a waiter, another a bus conductor. His home was bombed last week. He had to leave to go up and see about it. He stopped here on his way back to tell me his folks were all right. You see them opening their pocket books and showing snapshots of their babies and so on to the women who help with the tea. I don't suppose most of them had ever talked to real village people before. The friendliness doesn't end in the club rooms. We have football matches between the soldiers and the village. We're hoping to get an occasional concert party, and some talks in the evening. One Sergeant, an intelligent man, asked Rosemary for a book about trees. It was quite a new idea to him that they were, as he said, 'divided up in regiments, with different leaves, like badges'... same as us." This sort of war is a dull business, when it simply means looking at an empty sea. It's a good chance of learning new things for men who've probably given all their time to earning a living since they left school."

We had reached the path that led to the village and to my bus for home.

"All England's being mixed, and shaken up," said Mrs Pleasant; "bodies and brains. I wonder, sometimes, if that isn't as big a thing as the war. Formerly many of us—country people, town people, North, South, Midland—were narrow-minded. Now the scattered families, and thousands of soldiers, have been jolted out of their grooves. They're finding out things they'd never dreamed of, not in places only, but in people; good things they thought could only flourish at home. We talk of building a better Britain after the war. I think we're beginning it now."

H. V. MORTON describes the Secret Abbey Funeral of Neville Chamberlain

THE ashes of Neville Chamberlain were secretly buried in Westminster Abbey in the presence of the Duke of Gloucester, who represented the King, Mr Winston Churchill and members of the Cabinet.

It was the first secret "public" funeral that has ever been held in the Abbey Church, and it will go down in history as the most remarkable funeral in the long annals of Westminster.

Great secrecy was maintained for obvious reasons. Only the Cabinet, the Diplomatic Corps and the Press were informed; and all passes to the Abbey were marked "secret."

Arrangements had been made with a Government office that, in the event of air raid danger, a roof-spacer in Whitehall would give the alarm in time for members of the Cabinet and other mourners to be taken to shelter.

Purple Vestment

An hour before the service began I was standing in the cold, empty nave with the Dean of Westminster. The coffin, containing a small casket in which were the ex-premier's ashes, had been deposited the night before in the Warrior's Chapel, where Lord Allenby and Lord Plumer are buried.

As eight vergers, wearing purple vestments, lifted it shoulder-high and prepared to carry it through the church to the high altar, the first air raid alarm of the day sounded in London.

Slowly and solemnly the ashes of the man who flew to Munich, the man who believed that he had snatched safety out of the nettle danger, the man whose sad voice announced war on that mild September Sunday over a year ago, was carried through the Abbey to the wail of the sirens, a grim and horrible requiem.

The Dean turned to me and, opening the printed order of service, took from it an inset printed in red ink and said: "I hope there will be no need to interrupt the service."

And I read that, should it be necessary to take cover, arrangements had been made for the Duke of Gloucester and members of the Cabinet to shelter in the Crypt of the Chapter House; that the Diplomatic Corps would be taken to the Pyx Chapel, and that the Chamberlain family and members of the House of Parliament would be taken to the Norman Undercroft.

Irony

What grim irony that the lover of peace, as Mr Chamberlain, so often called himself, should have been buried in such an atmosphere. Six tall candles of unbleached wax burned round the catafalque upon which the coffin lay, and as the first mourners arrived the sirens blew the "Raiders passed."

The Duke of Gloucester, in khaki, attended by an officer who wore a revolver at his belt, passed up the church gazing at some of the stained glass windows that have suffered—although slightly—from blast.

He was followed by Mr Winston Churchill, who led a sombre band of pall bearers, which included Lord Halifax, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Lord Simon, the Lord Chancellor, Sir Kingsley Wood, Mr Attlee, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Lord Stanhope, Capt. Mangerson and Mr Arthur Chamberlain, a cousin.

The first part of the service was held in the choir and was conducted by the Dean of Westminster: the second part took place in the south aisle of the nave, where a stone had been removed next to the grave of Bonar Law.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in rich vestments of purple, stood at the graveside, opposite stood the sad figure of Mrs Neville Chamberlain. Behind her stood the Duke of Gloucester, and to one side, near the coffin, were the pall bearers led by Mr Winston Churchill.

Commitment

Two vergers, opening a door in the foot of the coffin, withdrew a small casket of polished wood and a bunch of arum lilies. Casket and flowers were reverently lowered into the grave as the Archbishop pronounced the commitment.

The small group containing, perhaps, two hundred people, most of them men who had come straight from Ministries and Departments of State in their ordinary workaday clothes, was surely the least formal gathering that has ever attended an Abbey funeral.

There were not more than a dozen silk hats—one of them the Premier's—in the whole church. The only touch of splendour was provided by the rich vestments of the clergy.

Tribute

When the service was over, Mr Churchill, first, and then members of the Cabinet, filed past the grave and inclined their heads towards the ashes of their late leader. The Diplomatic Corps followed, and last to leave was Mrs Chamberlain, who stood, almost alone, gazing down into the grave.

She opened her bag and, taking from it a small crushed yellow chrysanthemum, knelt down and placed it beside the casket. Then, rising, she said good-bye to the man by whose side she once stood upon the balcony of Buckingham Palace before a wild and cheering crowd. So ended the strangest "public" funeral that Westminster Abbey has ever known.

New York To Have A.R.P.

When and if an enemy force bombs New York, the city will be ready to fight resulting fires with knowledge obtained "in action" abroad.

Fire Commissioner McElligott, after receipt of reports from three New York firemen now observing in London announced that a volunteer corps of fire-fighters would be organised along the lines of the Air Raid Precautions brigade of London.

They will be trained in fire-fighting by 3,000 retired firemen, McElligott said, and will be equipped with trolley trucks similar to those used for forest fire work. Ununiformed, and in steel helmets, their function will be to get to the scene of a bomb-ignited blaze and extinguish it quickly.

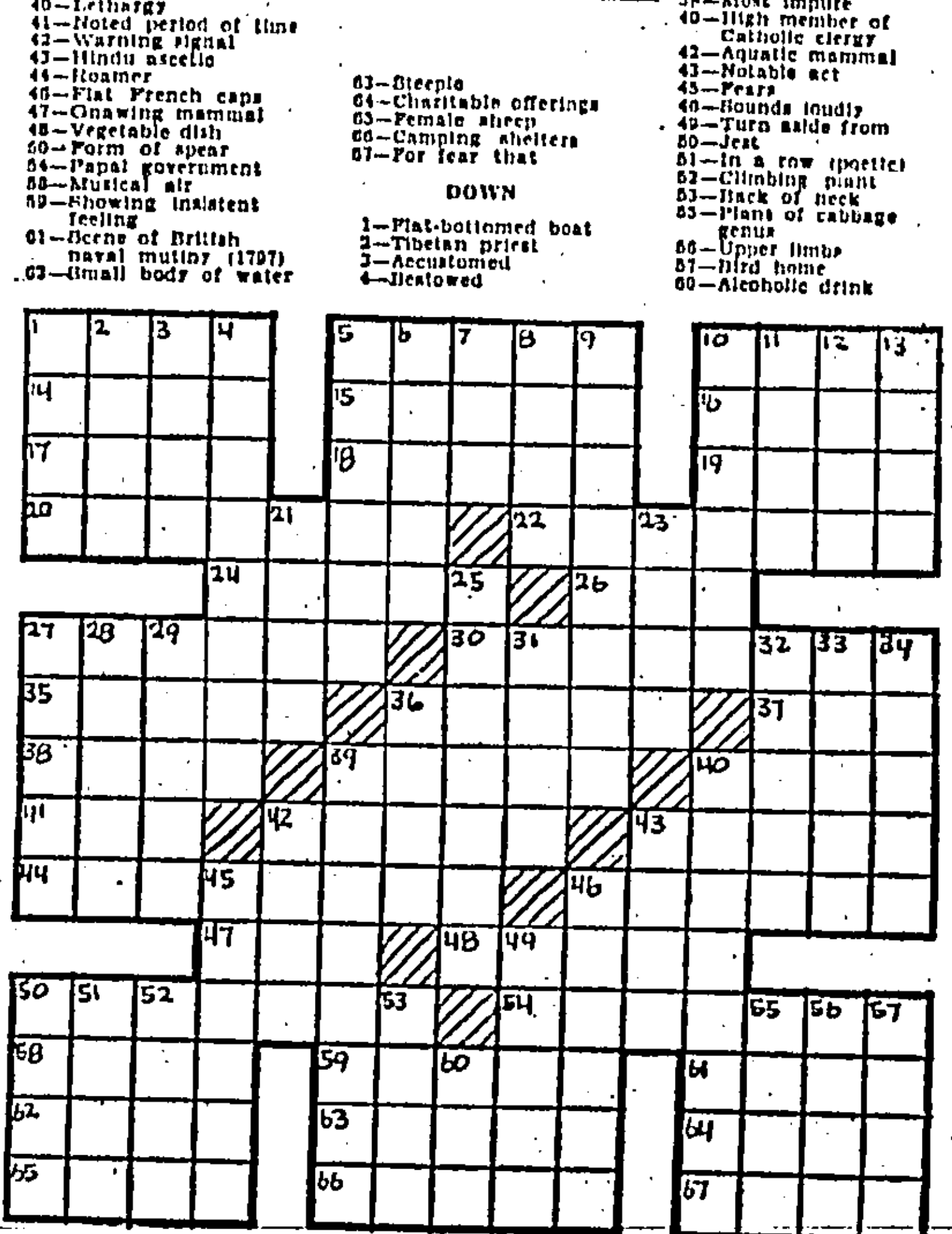
There will be a marine division also.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-Depreciate	2-Perpetrate to foundation	3-Priestly caste of Persians	4-Crime	5-Angry	6-Unit of love	7-Foretell	8-One who plays pipe	9-True	10-Moves climatically	11-Adverse	12-Large duck	13-Twig	14-Looks fixedly	15-Reluctant manner	16-In regard to	17-Complete	18-Huddled attack	19-Finger	20-Noted period of time	21-Variety of musical instruments	22-Hindu ascetic	23-Coat	24-Flat French cap	25-Chawing mammal	26-Vegetable dish	27-Form of spear	28-Natal government	29-Musical air	30-Showing insistent feeling	31-Scene of British naval mutiny (1797)	32-Tiny body of water	33-Animals with two feet	34-Tree juice	35-Liter of wine	36-Clamorous for dead	37-Open space	38-Thresh-like ruminant	39-Body of and surrounded by water	40-Paleontologist	41-Nesting woman	42-Pope's triple crown	43-Darts, darts	44-Occupation	45-Hood-travel	46-Period of time (pl.)	47-Boundary	48-Ancient Irish free-man	49-Most impure	50-High member of Catholic clergy	51-Aquatic mammal	52-Notable act	53-Pears	54-Bounds (nouns)	55-Turn aside from	56-Jest	57-In a row (sports)	58-Climbing plant	59-Back of neck	60-Plants of cabbage	61-Luxury	62-Upper limb	63-Mild home	64-Alcoholic drink
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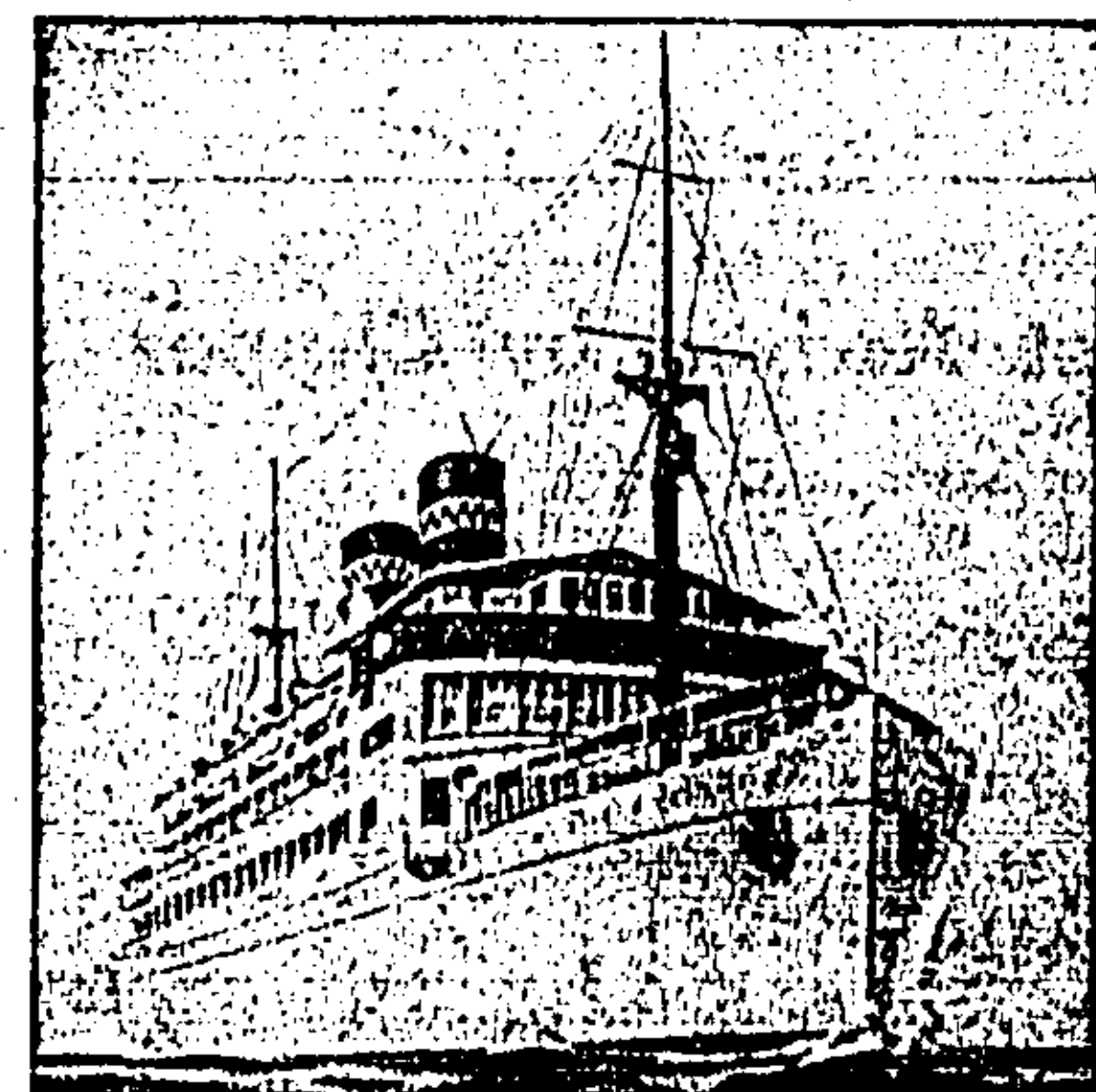
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COLONY'S BUDGET

CALMLY and confidently the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, the Colony's Financial Secretary, yesterday introduced before the Legislative Council a budget which, as an original estimate covering a 12-month period, is easily a record for Hongkong. The community faces the prospect of an expenditure of \$62,389,776 between April 1 this year and March 31, 1942, and an envisaged deficit of \$7,553,776 which is to be met by various means, including an increase in the rates of one per cent., further entertainment tax, increased estate duty and higher duties on liquor, as well as new taxation on table waters. All this, however, is only expected to produce about \$4,000,000, and the remaining part of the deficit is to be met by increased war taxation.

One-fifth of the expenditure is to be devoted specifically to war purposes, including local civil and military defences, and a community gift of vessels valued at \$5,220,000. The remaining \$50,000,000 constitutes domestic spending; for this, an effort is being made to maintain progress in social services; an infectious diseases hospital is to be built; there is to be a Fisheries Research Station and an Experimental Agricultural station in the New Territories with the avowed object of improving the nutrition of the Colony's population and at the same time help to make the Colony more self-supporting; two new police stations are to be constructed to meet the crying need for more effective police protection in Kowloon Tong and Wongneichong; and the vexed problem of nightsoil carrying and its present dangers of spreading disease, is to be solved by the work being taken over by the Sanitary Department. A new Public Mortuary is included in the programme, as well as a disinfecting station in Kowloon. Government subsidy of the Tung Wah hospital is to be increased to \$750,000, large sums of money are to be spent on an adequate cemetery for the Chinese in the New Territories and, we are promised, several links will be spent on road maintenance and improvement.

These, then, are the provisions for the coming financial year; it will certainly not please everybody, but in these abnormal times it is a skillful effort to strike a happy medium.

The war has been switched, and now...

It All Depends On The Navy

—by Captain—

Bernard Aeworth, D.S.O., R.N.,
distinguished commentator on naval affairs.

TO those who are undergoing a trial by bomb in London and other cities the war seems to be raging on their doorsteps, and the heavy merchant ship losses—no less than 195,000 tons last week—remind us that in the Atlantic, and round our shores, the Battle of Britain is not yet finally won, though we are getting the better of it.

Under such circumstances, the Mediterranean seems a long way off, and to many it might at first appear that events in these distant lands and seas must be second in importance to events at home.

But this is not in reality so, and it is far to the South and East where our greatest dangers, and opportunities, lie.

Hitler Knows

It is true that a successful invasion of this island—or, what would be equally effective, its successful blockade by U-boats—would lose us the war, as would the breaking of civilian will-power by bomb raids.

But in all these three aspects of the Blitzkrieg, Hitler knows that he is failing, and that it is elsewhere he must try to compass the defeat of the British Commonwealth—that is to say, in the Mediterranean.

To understand clearly the opportunities of decisive victory in the Mediterranean it may be well to outline very briefly the salient features of the strategic situation at the present moment.

Hitler, as we must admit, dominates the Continent of Europe, as did Napoleon, with his vast military machine, but we remain dominant at sea, and are thus able to blockade Europe, cutting off our enemies from the outside world, without which Germany and Italy cannot live indefinitely.

Blockade Weapon

The blockade, slow working as it is, is our chief offensive weapon, and it is the blockade which Hitler has therefore vowed to raise.

It is exercised at the three great sea-gates of Europe—Dover, Gibraltar and Aden—and, so long as we control

which deserves commendation. At a time when it is vitally necessary to strain every resource to assist in the Empire's fight for an enduring cause, Government might well have been excused if it had ignored social improvements; that the authorities, as the Hon. Mr. Butters expressed it, preferred to "try and steer a middle course and have followed the golden mean of practicality as against the extremes of both ultra conservatism and radical change," is both encouraging and consoling.

Extra taxation was inevitable, but the end is far more important than the means, and towards that end, it is to be hoped, Hongkong will cheerfully make its contribution.

these sea-gates, Hitler's military victories on land cannot be consolidated.

The Straits of Dover are in our hands, and will remain so, but Gibraltar and Aden are threatened, if only verbally at present, and these two vital sea-gates must be held.

If the Straits of Gibraltar were opened to enemy ships, and closed to ours, the blockade would be lifted, and the war, for us, would be out of hand.

Indeed, if the Axis, with the connivance of Spain, could establish control at the Straits of Gibraltar and Aden, our fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean could not be indefinitely sustained, and might even be caught in a trap.

So much for Gibraltar, against which Hitler and Mussolini are plotting, though the nature of the plot has not yet been revealed.

In the Eastern Mediterranean the war, has flared up by Italy's attack on Greece. This attack, though ostensibly a wanton aggression against another little country, is in reality aimed as a mortal blow at Britain.

If...

Its object is to turn our armies out of Egypt and Palestine, and the Navy out of what Mussolini has prematurely called "Mare Nostrum"—Our Sea.

If Graziani could defeat our army in Egypt we should lose the great Naval base at Alexandria, and the port of Suez at the North of the Red Sea.

The loss of Suez, even with Aden in our hands, would immensely complicate, if it did not entirely preclude, the reinforcement of our Army in Palestine.

While Italy threatens our position in Egypt, Germany and Italy combined threaten our position in Palestine which, at present, is powerfully buttressed by Turkey against attack from the North.

Turkey's action in the near future is, therefore, awaited with anxious attention.

Battle-Sea

Should Turkey remain neutral, the Axis must "by-pass" Turkey and attack our army in Palestine through Syria.

But this means that the attack must be sea-borne, and hence the declaration of war on Greece by Italy in order, mainly, to obtain naval bases in the islands lying off the Dardanelles, which would control the entrance and exit to those Straits through which oil and wheat can flow.

Also Mussolini covets the Island of Crete, with its magnificent harbour at Suda Bay, which stands athwart the entrance to the Aegean Sea.

Once again, therefore, as throughout the history of the

world, the Eastern Mediterranean is a world battlefield, or, more accurately, a "battle-sea," because victory or defeat for either combatant turns on sea-power.

As far as can be foreseen at the moment, the enemy's stupendous plan for the overthrow of the British Empire, which the Battle of Britain has failed to achieve, can, therefore, be summarised as follows:

"The Outer War"

The breaking of the blockade by overthrowing our sea control at Gibraltar and Aden. If the Axis cannot win this victory in what can most simply be described as "The Outer War," it cannot finally consolidate Hitler's "New Order," no matter what successes it achieves within this ring.

The land battles in Egypt will settle the fate of Alexandria, the Navy's main base in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Mussolini is committed to an attack on Egypt, and if his armies are threatened with defeat he will be compelled to reinforce across the Mediterranean, which will give the Navy its opportunity of a great sea battle that might prove as decisive on world history as Trafalgar.

Our Opportunities

Should Italy be able to seize naval bases on the Greek Islands, the threat to Syria, and thus to Palestine, will be intensified because, with Turkey neutral, the dispatch of Italian-German armies to Asia Minor by sea will be facilitated.

An attack on Palestine at the same time as we were repelling an attack on Egypt would give us two fronts to defend simultaneously, and would strain our military resources to the utmost.

The dangers facing Britain in the Eastern Mediterranean are great, but they are also the measure of our opportunities for a decisive victory over the Axis.

Victory or defeat depends upon the maintenance of our own sea communications with, and in, these narrow waters.

Never before in our adventurous history has so much depended in so small an area on the triumph of British sea power.

It is upon the Navy, under the good Providence of God, that victory must chiefly depend.

Editor's Note:—The foregoing article was written in the early stages of the campaign in the Mediterranean, since when Britain's naval and military forces have scored decisive victories over the Italians both at sea and in the African desert, thus breaking the plan of Axis strategy discussed by the author.

SECRET PACT BY THREE GENERALS

By Victor Schiff

IT is revealed now that when France was crumbling under invasion, three French colonial generals agreed secretly to fight on with the British Empire.

These rebels, who communicated with each other over thousands of miles, were:

General Nogues, in charge of all French forces in North Africa (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia);

General Mittelhauser, who had succeeded Weygand in Syria as C-in-C. of the French Army in the Orient; and

General Catroux, the Governor-General of Indo-China.

Two Gave Way

The first to give way—after much hesitation—to the pressure from the French Government was General Nogues.

General Mittelhauser, who had just assured General Weygand that he would ignore the armistice of Compiègne, then got cold feet and declared that he could not possibly continue the fight alone in the Mediterranean if he was let down by Nogues.

The third of the three "rebels," General Catroux, stuck to his word.

He was dismissed by Vichy, and had to leave the colony to escape arrest by his appointed successor, Admiral Decoux.

He came to London to collaborate with General de Gaulle.

Against Laval

The story is told by "France," the French daily newspaper in London, and comes apparently from General Catroux's entourage.

It gains interest in view of rumours about Nogues's reluctance to support the second capitulation of France now prepared by Laval, and of the Axis drive in the direction of Syria.

To meet De Gaulle, who had left for Africa when he arrived in London, General Catroux had to fly thousands of miles.

Their first dramatic meeting took place in the Sahara desert, at Fort-Lamy, the capital of the Chad colony, which was the first to break away from Vichy.

Now both M. Eboue, Negro Governor of the Chad, and General Catroux, are members of the National Council of Defence appointed by General de Gaulle.

Emergency Mercantile Fleet For America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has formally asked Congress for authority to build a fleet of 200 merchant ships "on an emergency basis." He has also asked for an appropriation of \$213,000,000 to cover the cost.

President Roosevelt made the request in a message to Congress in which he said, "I am convinced that the national interests demand immediate steps to be taken to provide against the effect upon the United States of a possible world shortage of cargo vessels."

The President's message added that emergency ship construction should not be permitted to interfere with the long-range shipbuilding programme which the United States Maritime Commission was already pushing forward, nor with naval construction.

There has been some speculation whether these new ships might be lent to Britain or whether they will replace existing ships which might be transferred to Britain.

Soldier On Serious Charge

Private Frank Kenneth Jacobs of the Royal Army Medical Corps was charged at Kowloon this morning with having had carnal knowledge of a Chinese girl without her consent yesterday; and also with indecent assault on the same girl.

The case was remanded for one week.

Hoover On Powers Of President

Wants Definition Drafted

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Mr. Herbert Hoover, the former President sent a letter to Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee to-day, requesting a definition of President Roosevelt's powers under the Lease and Lend Bill and calling on the Committee to draft into the Bill "positive definitions of the President and specifically to exclude what they are not."

Mr. Hoover declares that such action would eliminate much controversy and bitterness.

Gunboats For Nanking

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Two gunboats for the Nanking Government were launched yesterday at the Kiangnan Dockyard.

LAST WORDS OF ADVICE TO FAR EAST AXIS PROPONENT

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Far Eastern problems are the subject of leading articles in two influential British newspapers to-day.

The "Times" discusses the situation of the Netherlands East Indies and Japan, and the prominent provincial newspaper "Yorkshire Post," appeals to Japan to effect a rapprochement with the democracies.

The "Times" emphasises the strong pro-British sympathies of the Dutch Indies and recalls that immediately Holland was over-run, Tokyo assumed that the Dutch colonial empire would be ready to receive Japanese "assistance."

The special mission under Koyabishi found the Indies willing to negotiate on an economic basis only and it returned to Tokyo with every protestation that the Dutch Indies did not come within the scope of the "new order of Greater Asia."

Although this was doubtless the official Tokyo view, says the "Times," it cannot altogether be without significance that the Japanese League for the emancipation of southeastern Asiatic nations has just issued a flamboyant manifesto in which races in the East Indies, Malaya, Burma, the Philippines and even India are mentioned as among those to be liberated.

Begin at Home

The "Times" adds that such emancipation is unlikely to appeal to any of these peoples. This form of charity begins at home—Japanese-occupied China for example.

The paper concludes that although Japan has so much in hand, the Netherlands authorities are not taking any risks and much wealth is being spent defence measures.

"In the east as in the west, Great Britain and Holland stand together." Under the title "Japan Thinks It Over," the "Yorkshire Post" discusses the effects of the Axis Pact on Japan. The chief result hitherto has been to bring Britain and America closer together in uncompromising resistance to Japan's aggressive designs. It recalls that Mr Cordell Hull yesterday pointed out that the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interests would be friendly relations with the United States. "Even to the fire-eaters of Tokyo, that should be obvious enough; it is equally true of

Japan's relations with the British Empire."

Vital Dependence

The "Yorkshire Post" then points out Japan's dependence on America for engineering supplies and vital raw materials. It emphasises that Japan depends on Britain for 70 per cent. of the profits of her foreign trade.

"More than this, the friendship of America and Britain would invite her to collaborate in the new world order, not based like Hitler's on tyranny and fraud, but framed to ensure justice and security for all nations great and small."

The article concludes that there are signs that Japan has begun to think over the alternatives and declares that her chief need is for a statesman with courage to join Mr Cordell Hull in telling her where her true interests lie before the "unhappy entanglement with the Axis becomes irrevocable."

RAIDS ON NAZI NAVAL BASES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced the R.A.F. attacked the Wilhelmshaven naval base throughout the night and caused extensive fires in the target areas. They also attacked the docks at Emden, Bremerhaven, Rotterdam, Flushing and the harbour at Brest.

German Version

BERLIN, Jan. 16 (UP).—The official news agency says that the attack on Wilhelmshaven miscarried in a military sense and the bombs were dropped without any plan. Two hospitals were damaged in addition to some residences. There was no military damage.

The High Command, however, stated that "20 were killed and 30 injured at Wilhelmshaven."

Informed German circles claimed that a U-boat sank a 14,000 ton merchantman but there are no details.

Illustrious Justifies Name In Savage Duel

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A thrilling account of how the aircraft carrier Illustrious successfully fought off determined dive-bombing attacks during Friday's German-Italian attack on a convoy, is told by a correspondent who was on board her.

Despite the fact that she was hit by a heavy bomb almost at the beginning, Illustrious successfully fought off her attackers for seven hours during which it is estimated that from 40 to 50 German planes dropped at least 100 1,000-lb. bombs in an attempt to sink her.

The correspondent was in the mess room when the bugles sounded the warning of the attack. He rushed to the bridge and had only just reached it when a heavy bomb struck the flight deck. All the anti-aircraft guns were blazing away and although the German planes dived from all directions every gun crew kept up a steady stream of fire.

They stood in their unprotected positions blazing away despite flying splinters and machine-gun fire from the planes. What few breathing spells there were, were used by the crew to carry the wounded to places of comparative safety.

Blown Through Hatchway

One heavy bomb dropped in the water close to the ship sending a column of water high over the bridge and blowing the correspondent through a hatchway to the deck below. Between 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. there were never more than a few minutes free from action. Just before the seven hour ordeal ended the German planes made a determined torpedo attack. The Rear-Admiral stood on the bridge and gave the order to push ahead at top speed the moment the Germans dived. Their torpedoes swished harmlessly into the water a few feet from her stern. The German attack cost them dear for plane after plane was caught in the curtain of fire and destroyed.

Vichy-Berlin Messages

Pétain Still Waiting

ZURICH, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Hitler's reply to the personal message which Marshal Pétain sent him before Christmas may be brought before the Vichy Cabinet on Saturday, according to the Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse."

He says that the long-awaited visit to Vichy of Comte de Brignon, the Vichy representative in Paris, is expected soon and it will be followed by a Cabinet meeting on Saturday to discuss Franco-German relations.

The correspondent recalls that Comte de Brignon is due to bring Hitler's reply to Marshal Pétain's message.

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Reports spread abroad concerning a meeting between Italian and German personalities are devoid of foundation, states the official Italian news agency.

Nazi Army On Coast Of Holland

Ready For Invasion?

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The number of German soldiers now in Holland is much higher than even the most extensive army of occupation would justify, state well-informed circles in London.

A great number of the soldiers are stationed in coastal districts which have been declared defence areas.

Dutch cigar manufacturers have had to supply over 50,000,000 cigars monthly to the German army of which 40,000,000 are said to be smoked by the Germans in Holland. Even if every soldier gets only one cigar per day this would mean that there are over a million soldiers in Holland.

Ten million cigars are sent to Belgium and France.

It was clearly stated in an article in a Dutch Nazi paper that Holland was being used as a base for the attack on England. The writer complained of bad feeling existing among the population, adding that "it is not in the interests of the Netherlands to commit sabotage or to demonstrate against the Germans."

However, that position was improved by the fact that the Germans exercised "to the full the right of an occupying Power."

FASCIST VICTIMS

Sinclair On-Threat To Italy

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—"Hitler will be broken against the iron will of the British people," declared the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, speaking in Glasgow to-day.

"Britain will not be his next victim," he said. "But one country which is in real peril of complete Nazi domination is Italy, brought to the verge of destruction by the insatiable ambition of Mussolini."

The Abyssinians are now in arms, said Sir Archibald, and he hoped that there would not be a long wait before they regained independence.

Fascism Doomed
"Fascism is doomed and the friends of Italy must hope that strong Italian forces will break the grip of the Fascist bosses before they drag Italy down with them into German slavery."

Uttering a word of caution over the victorious achievements in Libya, he said that behind the defeated armies of Italy loomed the huge armies of Germany—there was a most formidable enemy.

"Something else happened too," he added. "The great republic of the United States has taken its stand for freedom against Nazidom. If Hitler and his German dupes dare raise their eyes, they will see the writing upon the wall of Congress—the Aid to Britain Bill."

East Hupeh Invaders Repelled

CHINESE CHECK ATTACKS

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16 (Central News).—The latest Japanese offensive in eastern Hupeh has failed resulting in more than 500 casualties, according to field dispatches received here from the Hupeh front.

In the afternoon of January 4, a mixed Japanese force of infantry and artillery units numbering over 2,000 men launched a three-column attack with the object of clearing the Kwangsi-Hokou highway of Chinese troops. One column pushed from Kwangsi towards Makungling hill near Yinsan, another drove from Kwangsi to Hokou and Hsienan, while the third advanced from Hsienan towards Chingshankou on the border of Yinsan and Hsienan.

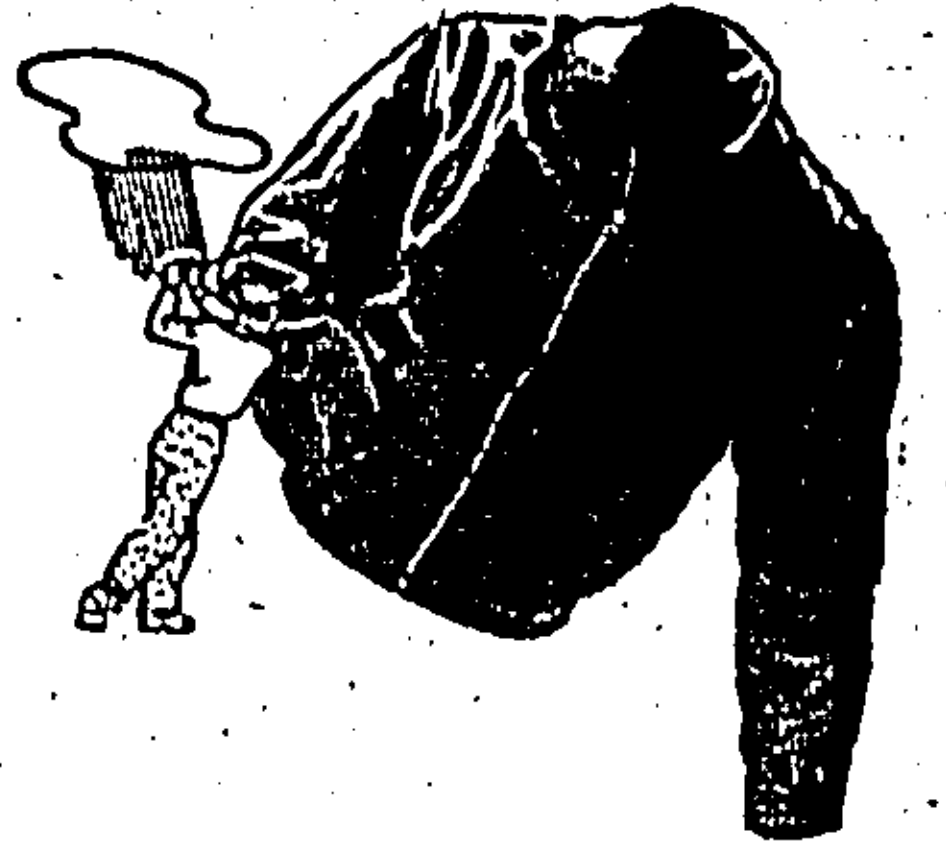
The three columns were intercepted by Chinese troops who put up a stiff resistance and checked their advance. Following severe fighting lasting two days and nights, the Japanese offensive collapsed.

Train Wrecked

SHIUKWAN, Jan. 16 (Central News).—A Japanese troop train on the Canton-Samsul Railway was badly wrecked on January 13 when it struck Chinese mines near Lion Hill. The locomotive and two coaches were blown up and some 30 Japanese soldiers were killed or wounded.

Hengyang Raided

HIENGYANG, Jan. 16 (Central News).—Nine Japanese aircraft raided Hengyang on yesterday morning but no damage was done. At 10.30 a.m. a lone Japanese plane appeared over the city conducting reconnaissance. Shortly after noon, nine others flew over and dropped bombs, all of which missed their mark and fell on open fields outside the city.



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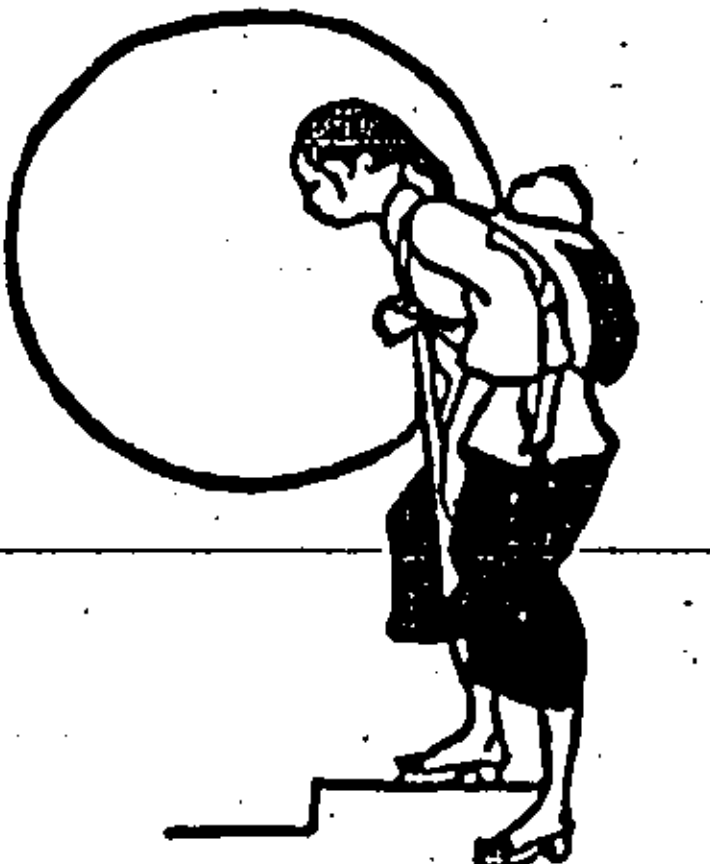
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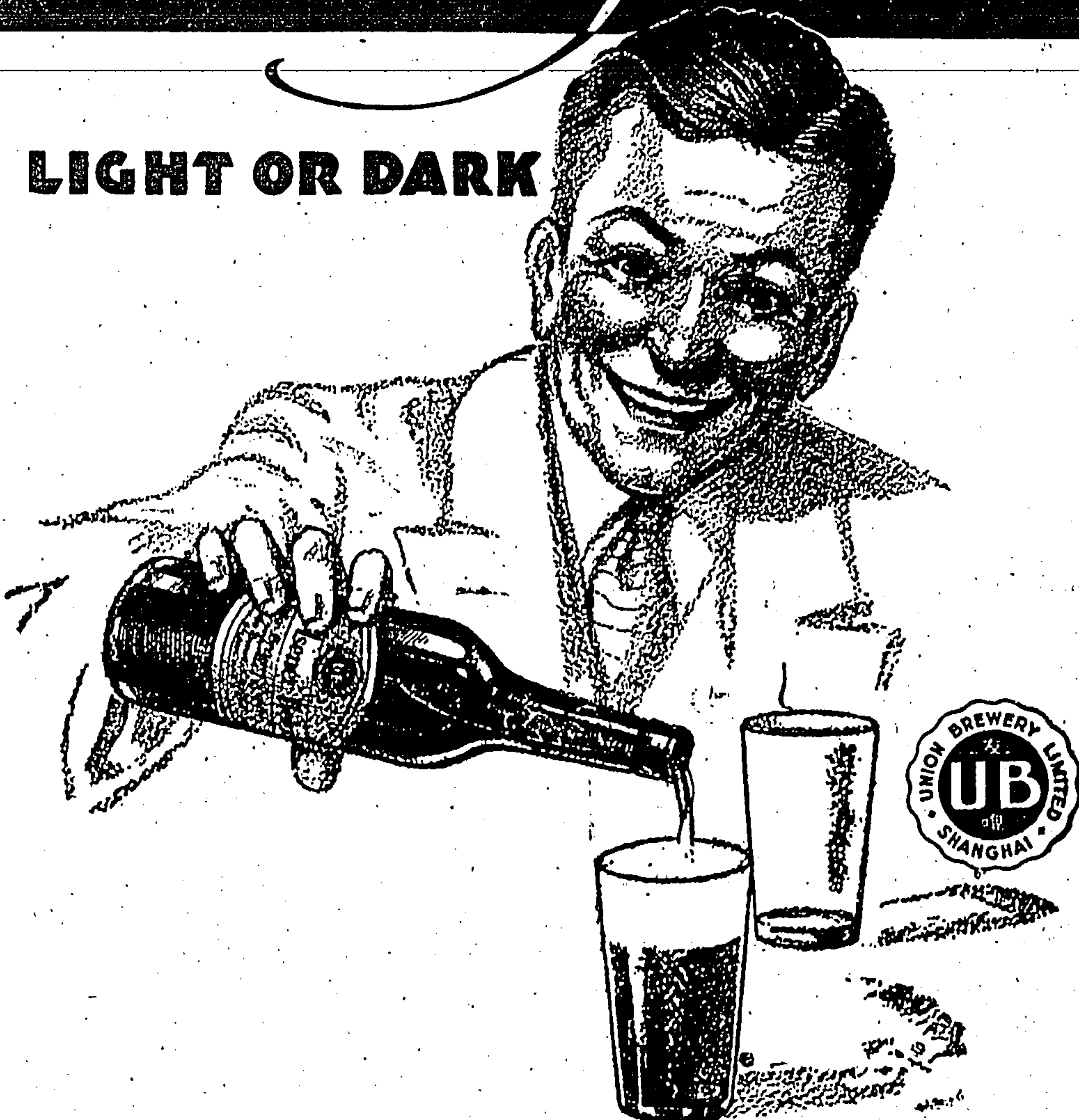
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QUICK DESPATCH, owned by Mr Kwok Hin-wang, can be recorded as the last Australian subscription griffin that had carried the top weight of 165 lb. to victory in the "Fanling Cup" (seven furlongs) at the Boxing Day Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, because we are going to start a new racing season with a lower scale of "weight for, inches."

As from January 1, the scale of weights has been revised as under:

Australian Ponies	
14 hands 3 inches 152 lb. (reduced by 3 lb.)	
14 .. 2 .. 149 ..	
14 .. 1 .. 146 ..	
14 .. 0 .. 143 ..	
China Ponies	
14 hands 1 inch 152 lb. (reduced by 3 lb.)	
14 .. 0 .. 149 ..	
14 .. 2 .. 146 ..	
14 .. 1 .. 143 ..	
14 .. 0 .. 140 ..	

In all handicaps both for Australian and China ponies, the top weight allotted will not exceed 159 lb., and the bottom weight will not be less than 135 lb.

In the past the top weight for China ponies in the handicap events was 160 lb. A close study of the alteration of weights shows that the revision has favoured the China makes more than the Australian ones. I may be wrong, but in my humble opinion "a preferential tariff" should be given to our "dumb friends" from the Antipodes.

Change for Better

HOWEVER, we are all unanimous that the radical change will be for the better owing to the fact that all the extra meetings of the Hongkong Jockey Club are held during the most trying summer months, and I am sure we shall find few stiff ponies on the walking list.

But it is to be hoped that owners will avoid the absurdity of putting up jockeys who cannot get down to the weight. We have, I must admit, a good bunch of feather-weight jockeys, but no one can convince me that there has not been a nice string of "beef steak" riders. For better proof, one has only to look over the racing results and it will not take him long to compile a list of "overweight" jockeys.

Billiards

CORPORAL HARVEY WINS GARRISON TITLE

CORPORAL J. H. HARVEY, Royal Army Medical Corps, took senior billiards honours in Area sports last night, when, in the final of the Individual championship of the Soldiers' Club, he beat S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C., by 500-378.

On form last night, Harvey deserved this success. He took an early lead and maintained it to the end. The standard, however, was not very high. Both players broke down on easy shots on several occasions when set for a break, and as a

consequence the highest for the evening was only 31—this by Harvey. Scoring on the other hands, was fairly rapid. The match lasted almost two hours.

Harvey's best breaks were 21, 24, 31 and 25. Wood's were 22, 23, 21 and 21.

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I HAVE BEEN watching the Australian subscription ponies over a month, but I dare not venture to nominate the winner of the Rooly-Hill Derby because there are at least over ten worthy contenders.

I believe that the following are stayers, namely, Black Seal, Corsair, Endeavour, Dutch Treat, Fresh Air, Lex Fori, National Welfare, Royal Sovereign, Santa-Anita, Sydney Diamond, Sydney Lady, Strathalbyn, Vitamin M. and Zadderday.

It appears to me that A Fine Time, Amulet Star, Bendemeer, Bendigo, Castle Hill, Corriedoo, Crack Shot, Friday, Happy Returns, High Hat, Hole In One, King's Flight, Look See, Mainsail, Manhattan, Moonlight, Never-Never, Optima Fide, Riverbridge, Snow White, Seal River, United Express, War Tax, Wayworth and Willow are first class sprinters.

Fastest Gallop

At the time of writing the fastest gallop over the Derby course was performed by Black Seal, who covered 1½ miles in 3.17 with 29½ seconds for the last quarter. It was certainly a wonderful show, but I do not like him on account of his colour.

Santa-Anita was asked to show what he could do over the champion course of 1½ miles and the chestnut by Prince Charles took 2.26.2 to cover the circuit. The time was, without any doubt, fast, but there was no finish in the home run.

Sydney Diamond has the appearance of a first class animal and he is certainly a fine galloper. About a fortnight ago I saw National Welfare cover 1½ miles in 3.25 with 28½ seconds for the last quarter and the last mile was galloped in 2.06.4. This mare is by Midnight Frolic, who also sired Quick Despatch.

I like Royal Sovereign's style of galloping and her recent display over the Derby course in 3.24 was a good show. There was nothing to write home about Zadderday's career over the St Leger course in 4.08 but it appeared to me that the pony loved the jaunt and he finished on the bit.

The best sprint gallop of last Tuesday was by Hole In One (a sub) accompanied by Miss Chalfont (a griffin) and they certainly gave a demonstration of their wonderful legs over a mile in 2.02½ coming home in 30 seconds with a few pounds to spare. Vitamin M. and Mainsail had a "look see" over the champion course in 2.48½ but the last mile in 3.02½ was very fast and the last half mile was run in 56½ seconds, which was undoubtedly a grand performance. Castle Hill and Seal River had a nice spin over a mile in 2.07 and both will be Mr Black's mounts at the big meeting.

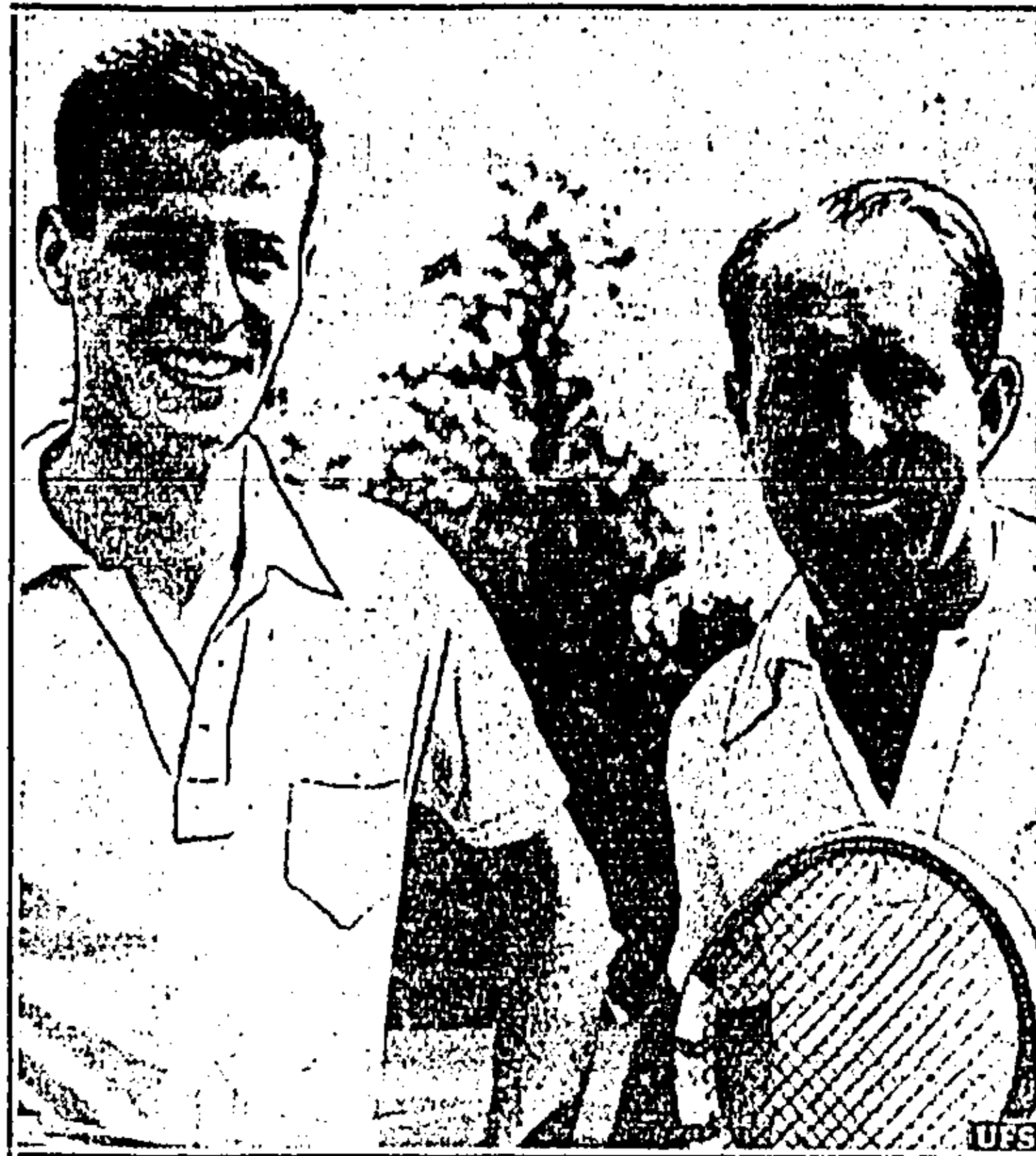
Sussex County C.C. Appeals To Members To Assist Finances

LONDON.—Sussex County Cricket Club are faced with a possible deficit of £460 and the committee, through Mr W. L. Knowles, the secretary, are appealing to members and all followers of Sussex to help the club balance its accounts without a financial loss by the end of the year.

At the beginning of the year Sussex invited members to send at least one half of their usual subscription and cut of a membership of 3,000 about 1,200 responded by giving £1,200. Many paid their full subscription.

Now the committee appeal earnestly to those members who have not subscribed to send a donation to the secretary so that there shall be no deficiency at the end of the year.—Our Own Correspondence.

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KOVACS TRIUMPHS—Francis L. Kovacs 2nd, of Oakland, Cal., left, with Wilmer L. Allison of Austin, Texas, former national champion, whom Kovacs defeated in tennis singles in invitation tourney in Seabright, N. J.

New List Of Records Will Be Necessary Fast Times Anticipated

THE REVISION OF "weight for inches as per scale" means that the Hongkong Jockey Club will have to compile a new record list of fastest times, both for Australian and China ponies, at the Spring Meeting and we may look forward to see some very fast runs.

As a matter of news, I append below a complete list of Australian

Date	Distance	Pony	Weight	Time
3.12.38	From the 1½ Mile Post	Lancashire Chips	152 lb.	5.59%
26.9.38	Five Furlongs	Strathroy	105 lb.	1.02%
4.6.38	Six Furlongs	Courting Eve	165 lb.	1.10%
17.2.40	One Mile	Far View	155 lb.	1.10%
11.5.40	One Mile	Sapper	103 lb.	1.42%
29.3.37	From the two mile post, once round and in.)	Strathroy	105 lb.	1.55%
27.2.37	1½ Miles	Strathroy	152 lb.	2.10%
20.2.40	1½ Miles	Far View	155 lb.	2.41%
21.11.30	1½ Miles	Strathroy	150 lb.	3.11%
6.4.40	Two Miles	Amicus Curiae	155 lb.	3.36%

place them in the archives for safe custody.

China Ponies

HEREUNDER is a list of China ponies fastest times for various distances at the old scale weight, which was in force from January, 1931, to the end of December, 1940:

Date	Distance	Pony	Weight	Time
25.2.30	Half Mile	Portrush	155 lb.	5.58%
20.2.40	From the 1½ Mile Post	Spiclight	164 lb.	1.02%
20.4.35	Five Furlongs	Oak Bay	161 lb.	1.09%
20.2.37	Six Furlongs	Dear Claw	161 lb.	1.21%
19.11.32	Seven Furlongs	Mount Hope Bay	161 lb.	1.42%
20.2.35	Once Round	Glencroft	168 lb.	1.44%
20.2.40	One Mile	Soldier of Britain	161 lb.	1.51%
16.4.38	From the Two Mile Post, Once Round and in.	Burford	161 lb.	2.05%
14.12.40	1½ Miles	Desert Chief	161 lb.	2.19%
10.2.40	1½ Miles	Confusion Bay	161 lb.	2.50%
20.2.35	1½ Miles	Satinlight	161 lb.	3.32%
		Liberty Bay	161 lb.	3.32%

Soldier of Britain (winner of 1934 Hongkong St Leger) has recently been demoted to "P" class, but I have not been able to discover when the great warrior is going to be discharged as "medically unfit." The revision of the weights has done a bit of good in that neither his name nor that of Liberty Bay can be expunged from the list which will have to be kept on file permanently. The latter pony was, in my estimation, one of the greatest China cross-breds that ever raced at Happy Valley.

Old Weight Limits

IT may, perhaps, not be known that prior to 1934 an Australian pony measuring 14 hands 3 inches had to shoulder 161 lb., whereas in the following year the weight was lowered to 155 lb. and that prevailed up to the end of last December.

As to China ponies, the limit height in 1930 was 13 hands 3 inches carrying 161 lb. and Diana Bay (the winner of Hongkong Derby) was the last carrying that weight. There was a loud cry for bigger animals and we saw 14 hands China griffins entering the arena. The weight on the basis of the 1930 scale should have been 164 lb.; but the Stewards lowered it to 158 lb. for 1931 racing, and King's Service (14.0), belonging to the Chairman, was the first to capture the Blue Riband. In 1932 the height went up another inch, limiting all China ponies to 14.1 and under this category Liberty Bay,

Chinese R. C. Meeting

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold their annual general meeting at the clubhouse, Causeway Bay, on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Among the items on the agenda are proposals to increase the entrance fee from \$30 to \$50 and to admit lady members.

Club Soccer Teams

The following will represent Hongkong Football Club against Police and Navy in the first and second divisions respectively of the Hongkong Football League to-morrow:

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carrying 161 lb., was the first to annex the Hongkong Derby.

A 14.1 China pony at the coming annual meeting will have to shoulder only 152 lb. and we shall certainly see some fast runners.

It is tellingly learned that there are over 350 Australian and China ponies training hard for the Annual Race Meeting and I am glad to report that Mr Eric Moller's string of over a dozen animals arrived here last week.

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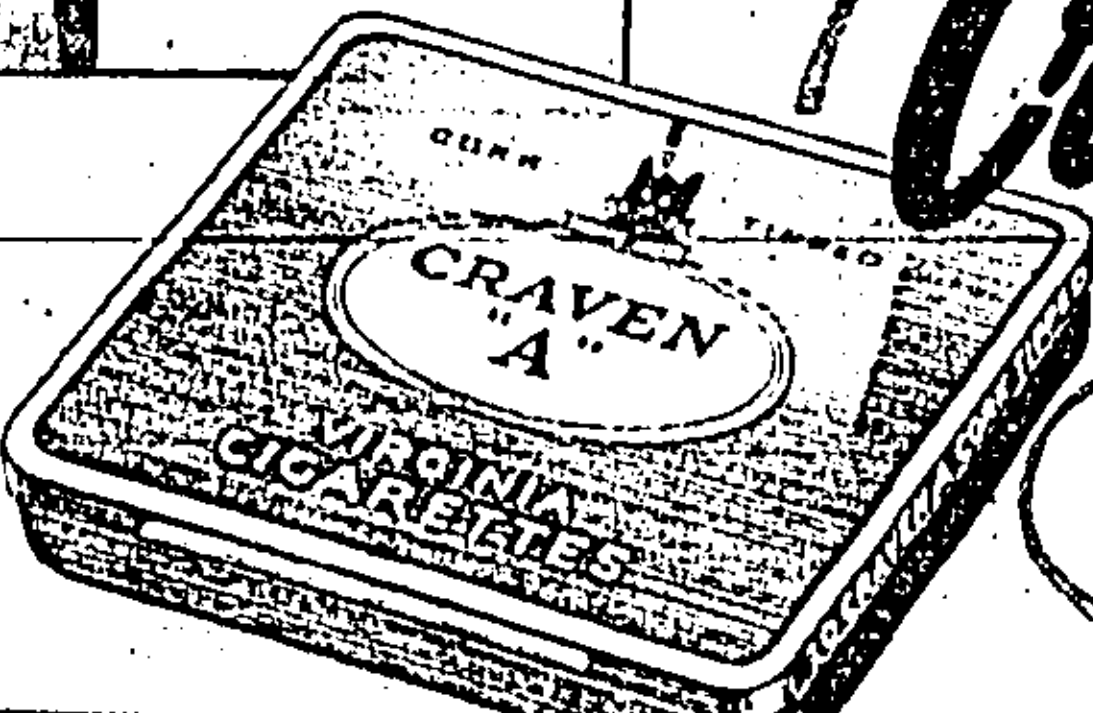
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Axis Air Strategy To Cut Mediterranean

(By "Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Germany is at war in the air on two fronts. Her squadrons based at Sicily have carried out one partially successful attack on British warships, notably on the aircraft carrier *Illustrious* and the cruiser *Southampton*.

The bill Germany had to pay for that stroke was the loss of a number of Junkers dive-bombers but more important is the disclosure of a nest at Cantania, of which the R.A.F. took immediate advantage.

The Luftwaffe may have other bases in the central Mediterranean, as at Sardinia, but it is almost certain that it is on the air control of the narrowest part of the "Italian lake" that it pins its greatest hopes of forcing the British Mediterranean fleet apart and keeping each half on its eastern and western basins and, secondly, freeing the stranglehold on the Italian army in Libya so as to prolong their fight against the British forces in North Africa. A third objective is preventing continued military assistance to Greeks by this route until the spring brings promise of Italian in Albania fighting back over the ground they have lost.

Constant Supplies Necessary

This project, even with the aid of Italian torpedo-bombers, presumes a regular smooth flow of personnel and supplies to replace losses each time the Luftwaffe goes into action over the Brenner Pass down the hard-pressed Italian railway system and over to Messina or Palermo, another target of the R.A.F.

The more during the German pilots—and they have shown over the Straits of Sicily as they did over the Straits of Dover before British fighters forced them to retire, that they do not lack during the bigger will be those losses and the greater the strain on the supply system.

Acknowledging that the British Fleet is not to be scared into seeking security and less still a way out through scuttling, there is no obvious reason why the R.A.F. and the Navy together should not destroy the German air contingent's resources.

Landing in Sicily

In the last resort, a British landing in Sicily to clean up Nazi air nests should they become too great a source of embarrassment is possible with Malta so near.

The attack on the *Illustrious* and the *Southampton* would seem to suggest that convoys in the Mediterranean must at vulnerable points wear their full "curtain" of kites, balloons and fighters to ensure their greater security.

Of far more permanent importance to the Axis than Nazi intervention in Sicily would have been the landing of German air aid in the early days of the Italian reversal in Greece—better still, before the British landed at Crete—in the Dodecanese.

The British entry into Libya and the investment of Tobruk, the last port from which starving Dodecanese could be refreshed, have finally put an end to that possibility.

PANDORA SINKS TWO SHIPS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The British submarine, *Pandora*, has sunk two Italian supply ships, each of about 5,000 tons, in the central Mediterranean.

An Admiralty communique announcing this states that both ships were south-bound, and that one of them was seen to have a cargo of motor transports on her decks.

The *Pandora* was on the China Station for several years.

Transfer Of U. S. Warships

Knox Wants Freedom Of Action

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary for the Navy, declared that he would object to any clause being inserted in the Lease and Lend Bill to prevent the transfer of any part of the United States Navy.

He made this statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. He gave as the reason for his objection that he could foresee conditions under which the Navy could be transferred on very advantageous terms.

In the course of his evidence, he said that the essence of the President's plan was that the United States should become virtually the sole purchasing and distributing agency for war materials produced in the United States. There would thus be constituted one great funnel through which all such material would flow.

"We shall then be in a position to apportion these munitions among ourselves and other democracies whose defence is important to us," declared Colonel Knox.

New Italian General

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—ROME, Jan. 16 (UP).—It is officially announced that Crown Prince Humbert has been promoted to the rank of General in the Army.

Tribesmen Ready To Revolt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The British advisers of Haile Selassie said today that the Negus had sent a letter from Khartoum indicating that the Abyssinian movement is approaching a climax with 90 per cent of the tribesmen ready to revolt at the Emperor's command.



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Wu Teh-chen In Rangoon BURMA ROAD A LINK OF FRIENDSHIP

RANGOON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—China regards the Burma Road as one of her lifelines and looks on the re-opening of the Road as another gesture of Sino-British friendship. With to point out that keeping the Road open will help to bring victory for China and peace and stability to the Far East," said General Wu Teh-chen in a statement here to-day.

General Wu added: "Because Burma and China are next door neighbours, security and peace in Burma is important to China while China's development means a great deal to Burma."

General Wu disclosed that they had succeeded in establishing strong economic bases in the northwest and southwest provinces and were developing the neutral resources of that region.

He hoped that the Yunnan-Burma Railway would soon be completed in order to develop the potential trade between China and Burma.

NEWSMAN LOOKS AT THAILAND

Japanese Influence Grows
CHUNGKING, Jan. 15 (Central News).—The key fact about Thailand is that it is a revolutionary state with a great mass of peasants and with a tremendous illiteracy, declared Mr. Theodore White, Chungking correspondent of "Time," who has returned here from a four-month tour of Indo-China, Thailand, Singapore, the Netherlands East Indies and Manila.

Mr. White, who was in Indo-China when the Japanese marched into that country, found that although Thailand insists upon democracy being the goal of its revolution, the influence of the democracies is waning in Thailand—a country ruled by a few educated people at the top.

There are two groups in the Thai government he said: a pro-Japanese group and a pro-democracy group. However, the pro-British and pro-American clique has but a small voice in governmental affairs while British influence, strong in the past, is fast disappearing.

Armed Forces
According to Mr. White, the Thais are not a military people although that country has an army of between 125,000 and 150,000 out of a population of 14,000,000, an air force of 300 planes (mostly American-made), and a "doubtful" naval force which includes four submarines.

Mr. White said that the Japanese urged the Thais to take back two pieces of territory from Indo-China after the French capitulation to the Germans. He said that there is a group in the Thai government who could be used to resist Japan's southward advance. He added that Thailand now finds herself in the same position as Poland in 1938 when the Czechoslovakian crisis flared up.

LATE NEWS

Burmese Mission Calls On Chungking Leaders

CHUNGKING, Jan. 17 (Central News).—The Burmese Government Mission spent a busy day yesterday calling on various Chinese Government leaders. Formal talks regarding the settlement of the communication problems between China and Burma are expected to be initiated to-day.

Accompanied by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, Mr. Tegar H. Crow and three other members of the Mission called on Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan.

They paid separate visits to Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, and Dr. Wong Wen-huo, Minister of Economic Affairs.

The Burmese officials were entertained at dinner last night by Dr. Wang Chung-hui. More than twenty Chinese and foreign officials were present including Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, Mr. Hsu Mo, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Mr. Peng Hsih-pel, Vice-Minister of Communications.

Personnel Taking Part
CHUNGKING, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Members of the Burma Mission consist of Mr. Tegar H. Crow, Counselor to the Governor of Burma; Mr. U-ba Than, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Mr. J. F. H. Nicholson, Chief Public Works officer of the Federated States; Mr. D. B. Petch, Commercial Secretary, who is acting as secretary of the Mission.

The mission is expected to remain in Chungking about ten days discussing problems affecting China and Burma.

Rescued Filipinos For Manila

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MANILA, Jan. 17 (UP).—The local agents of the Japanese steamer Kamo Maru, disclosed that that vessel is arriving here next Sunday with 98 Filipino seamen from steamers sunk by German raiders in the Pacific during recent months.

The announcement stated that the survivors are coming from Australia where they were taken after their rescue.

Tells Danger Of Air Invasion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that the United States would be in "very great danger of an air invasion should the British navy be destroyed or should it surrender."

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WASHINGTON EXPECTS U.S. TO BE IN WAR BY APRIL, SAYS SENATOR

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Senator Wheeler, commenting on Colonel Henry Stimson's evidence before the Foreign Affairs Committee, to-day declared: "Every informed person in Washington knows that high officials of the War Department are working on the assumption that the United States will probably be in the war by April 1."

Simultaneously Senator Ellender introduced into the Senate an amendment to the Lend and Lease Bill providing that no American soldier or sailor could be sent from United States territories and possessions.

He said that he wanted to "make sure that American boys are not sent to fight abroad."

Representative John M. Cotto also introduced a substitute Lend and Lease Bill which he said would prohibit President Roosevelt from "giving away the entire navy."

Fish Heckles Stimson

There was a "breeze" between Representative Hamilton Fish and Colonel Stimson during to-day's sitting of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. Hamilton Fish asked Colonel Stimson if he would oppose an amendment to provide the West Indies and other British possessions as payment for United States aid to Britain.

Colonel Stimson said that any such amendment would cause delay and as speed was required in war time, it would serve only as a restriction. Colonel Stimson admitted that there had been a delay in the production of defence materials, but he explained that a change to war economy "cannot be done overnight or in a year."

Stimson Angry
The Colonel became angry when Mr. Fish sought to discount the defeat of Holland and Belgium because of their nearness to Germany and he said that the United States army today was no where near as large as Holland's and Belgium's last May, adding "and no where near so well trained."

Mr. Fish asked: "Whose fault is it, and Colonel Stimson replied: "It is our fault. The United States of America."

He asked: "The problem to me is not so much keeping America out of the war as it is keeping the war out of America."

Mr. Fish then asked Colonel Stimson: "If Britain is our first line of defence, do you favour going into the war?"

Colonel Stimson replied: "I am in favour of assisting Great Britain to maintain her fleet."

President's Powers
Representative Charles Eaton then asked: "If this is not our war, what are we doing here to-day? What is all this fuss about arms and aeroplane? Is it not our war to that extent?"

Colonel Stimson answered: "It is." The Colonel then said that the Bill would empower the President to

OUTSPOKEN ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT

"Overt Acts" Alleged

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Representative George Tinkham of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in a speech on the floor of the House to-day, charged that President Roosevelt had "plotted against the peace and safety of the United States by knowingly and designedly committing the United States in advance to active participation in the present wars in Europe and Asia."

He listed four "overt acts" towards the aforementioned objective: Firstly, President Roosevelt's 1937 "quarantine" proposal against aggressors.

Pooling Fleets
Secondly, he said that Mr. Winston Churchill revealed in 1938 that "owing to the excellent relations between Britain and the United States, he thought that Britain was entitled to measure our naval power against the naval powers of European countries."

Mr. Tinkham said this meant pooling the American and British fleets.

Thirdly, the British and American assumption of joint control over Enderbury and Canton Islands in the Pacific.

Fourthly, the abrogation of the United States Commercial Treaty with Japan.

Rep. Tinkham said: "The President's whole conduct is reprehensible. I charge that Roosevelt and Hull have betrayed the American people and have been disloyal and traitorous to the United States, its integrity, its constitution, its institutions and its traditions of safety."

GREEK THREAT TO TEPELINI

Artillery Dominates City

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Jan. 16 (UP).—The Greek artillery which has dug in above Klisura is able to dominate both Tepelini and the Voyura River valley, and it is believed that this will accelerate the fall of Tepelini.

The Greek radio refuted the Italian claims of successful counter-attacks by saying: "Our troops are still capturing prisoners close to Valona and Berat and well beyond Pogradetz."

Commenting on the Italian losses the Government spokesman said that one entire division which took the brunt of the Greek offensive, culminating in the fall of Klisura, suffered such heavy losses that it had to be withdrawn and reformed.

The spokesman stated that although there was no heavy fighting on the entire front from the Adriatic to Lake Ohrid, the Greeks were holding their ground.

Preparing For Assault On Tobruk
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 16 (UP).—The British are reported to be making final preparations for the assault on Tobruk, and Italian flying columns are counter-attacking.

Strategic positions in the Tobruk and Jarabub zones are being bitterly contested according to despatches arriving from Benghazi. They claim the Italians have advanced in the Jarabub sector.

Italian circles believe the bombing and torpedoing of British naval units in the Straits of Sicily was aimed to block the British fleet from Libyan waters.

To-day's communique indicates the Italians are trying to prevent the British from manoeuvring heavy artillery into position for shelling Tobruk.

Trapped In Bombed London Hostel
LONDON, Jan. 16 (British Wire- less).—An Air Ministry and Home Security communique states, "There has been very little enemy air activity over this country to-day. Bombs were dropped at two points in east Kent. No damage nor casualties were caused."

Pioneers with mobile cranes helped rescue squads in London to-day to save men from the wreckage of a large men's hospital demolished by a bomb during last night's raid. By the early afternoon many trapped had been rescued, some badly injured. Two men were brought out after being buried more than eight hours.

Police officers having to chip away the stonework to release one of them. Rescuers concentrated on points from which sounds were heard and cranes stopped at intervals to give a chance of hearing any noise made by the imprisoned men.

A FAVOURITE NAZI TARGET

Hospitals have become a favourite target for the brutal Luftwaffe in their aerial attacks on Britain. This picture graphically shows what a bomb did to a London hospital recently. One ward is filled with debris and a gaping hole where a wing was demolished is in the background.



Thai Troops In Blitzkrieg Offensive

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAIGON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Fifteen hundred of the best equipped Thai troops yesterday carried out a modern blitzkrieg in south Laos and forced 200 French troops to withdraw about 14 miles towards Pakse.

The Thailanders co-ordinated artillery, infantry, cavalry and tanks and the attacks swept back the French who claim they inflicted heavy losses. Only a few Frenchmen sacrificed their lives by remaining in the front line, mowing down the advancing Thailanders with machine-guns. Fifteen French and natives were killed or wounded in the battle which resulted.

Pakse is now a front line city, with the French fortifying it, while the Thailanders are only one mile across the Mekong River.

It is believed that the city is preparing for a new offensive, the success of which, however, is doubtful owing to the expense of water.

The withdrawal exposes a strip of French territory on the west side of the Mekong River from a point where the Sekong joins the Mekong and southward to a point where the two rivers meet.

Bangkok Claims

BANGKOK, Jan. 16 (UP).—A High Command communique issued to-day states that Thailand forces continued to advance in the Udon, and Surin sectors with the Thai air force co-operating with the land forces.

No resistance was met in the drive from Aranya. Shooting had decreased along the Mekong River due to the fact that "most of the French gun placements have been destroyed. Seventy per cent of the French shells were found to be defective."

French Air Pilots

SAIGON, Jan. 16 (UP).—It is reliably reported that on Friday or Saturday a French ship will arrive from Dakar, via Madagascar, with around 200 French air pilots.

A neutral foreigner who arrived yesterday from Batambang reports TURN to Back Page, Column 4

LATEST

If New York Is Attacked

New York, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—New York city's growing war consciousness is strikingly illustrated by the distribution at the first meeting of Mayor LaGuardia's new City Defence Council of a pamphlet "If it comes."

The pamphlet is prepared by the New York City Tunnel Authority and it outlines civilian defence steps recommended by New York is raided. It instructs the public to keep calm and not to heed rumours, rumors, to put out lights and to avoid crowding.

The possible use of New York subways as air raid shelters was discussed at the meeting.

Dr. Pott, who is 75, will be known as President Emeritus after his resignation and will continue to live in St John's campus where a new residence was recently built for him by a prominent alumnus of the institution.

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Further Late News

Dr Hawks Pott's Retirement

CHUNGKING, Jan. 17 (Central News).—After about 50 years of continuous service, Dr F. L. Hawks Pott, President of St John's University, an American missionary institution in Shanghai, will resign from his presidency as from February 1 on account of failing health, says a Shanghai report.

It is understood that the Rev. Francis A. Cox has been appointed to take his place while Mr Wm. Z. L. Sung, Vice-President, has been named Acting Chinese President to administer the institution through the present emergency.

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Quiet Night In London

Blitz On Western Town

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 17 (UP).—At two a.m. to-day the all clear signal was sounded in London which had been completely quiet since the first wave of raiders came over.

A town in west England was singled out for the blitzkrieg which started early in the evening and was still in progress at midnight. The raiders came over in relays and dropped many bombs which started fires, but they were soon extinguished. However, there was considerable damage to houses and a number of casualties.

The second night alarm in the London area was at 10.30. It was followed by heavy gunfire as the planes dived in a clear sky.

At 9.20 p.m. the all clear was sounded in the London area after a warning at 8 p.m. The period was without incident.

U.S. Army Strength

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The Under-Secretary of War, Mr. Robert Patterson, said that the Army would have 1,418,000 enlisted men equipped with basic weapons by next June and will be completely equipped and ready to take the field in 1942.

B. & S. Ship Searched In S'hai By Customs

Special to the "Telegraph"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 17 (Dome).—The Butterfield and Swire ship Shengking, which last summer was detained by Japanese naval authorities on charges of bringing arms from Tientsin for Chungking agents, was searched by the Maritime Customs' patrol yesterday upon its arrival from North China and had 60 bars of gold valued at C\$200,000 and Yen 20,000 of Japanese notes concealed aboard confiscated.

The Customs patrol was said to have acted in view of the rumours that the ship was engaged in smuggling gold bullion to Shanghai from North China.

It is charged that members of the ship's crew have attempted the secret trade for the purpose of taking advantage of the recent rise in the price of gold bar to \$7,000 in Shanghai, and the gaps in foreign exchange rates between North and Central China.

WRECKED GERMAN BASE

Wilhelmshaven Raid

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—After the first wave of aircraft had arrived at Wilhelmshaven on Wednesday night, it was only necessary for the strong force which followed to find the Dutch coast, says the Air Ministry.

From then onwards they were led by a glare in the sky across Holland and 50 miles into Germany to the flames which were all that many pilots could see of the main base of the German North Sea Fleet.

The chief focus of the attack was Bauhaven, where are crowded shipways, docks, engineering works, a storehouse, assembling sheds, armour plate shops, foundries, iron works, gun stores and a floating dock for the largest warships.

All this was one huge raging fire.

A pilot said, "It was more like stoking than bombing. We just shovelled our bombs into the fires and watched them increase."

The fires covered thousands of square yards within which lay a large proportion of Wilhelmshaven's military objectives. Huge explosions were also heard.

The first attack lasted from 8 p.m. to midnight. The second attack began between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. this morning. This started many new fires and also fed the flames which were still burning. Few targets in Germany are so well defended and the pilots had to pass through a prodigious barrage.

Reorganisation Of Transport

By Nazis In Poland

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The German authorities in occupied Poland have undertaken a complete reorganisation of Polish railways and waterways in order to adapt them to the German transport system, according to news received in well-informed circles in London to-day.

The plan for the extension of waterways includes the linking of Polish canals with German canals from east to west. Polish circles here also note with interest that all German stations along the Soviet-German frontier will be considerably enlarged.

The Vistula will be linked with the Oder and the Danube by a canal. The Bydgoszcz will be deepened to take ships of 1,000 tons displacement.

ITALIAN AIR CRASH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 16 (UP).—It is reported but unconfirmed that 3 members of the crew and 2 passengers of the missing Italian air liner have been rescued by the British steamer Orinoco.

Kennedy Criticises Lend & Lease Bill

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (UP).—The New York "Daily News" in a copyright article from Washington says that Mr Joseph Kennedy, former Ambassador to Britain, told President Roosevelt that he was opposed to the President's Lend and Lease Bill, and that in his broadcast next Saturday night he would make an "all out" effort to keep the United States at peace.

The article said that Mr Kennedy would follow this by appearing as a witness before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and then continue his attack on the Bill by appearing at the hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Secret Summons
The "Daily News" said that Mr Kennedy had been secretly summoned to the White House by a personal appeal from the President and that after the conference Mr Kennedy conferred for more than an hour with Senator Burton Wheeler, discussing political strategy in connection with an attempt to defeat the Bill.

The paper revealed that firstly, Mr Kennedy told the President he was opposed to the Bill with its present powers; secondly, he told the President he still favoured all possible aid to Britain that would not weaken the United States defences, and he insisted that no shipments should be made unless the heads of the Army and Navy certified that such would not weaken the defences of the United States; thirdly, that the President told Mr Kennedy that he was no longer "on the hook"—namely, that he was not bound to silence but was free to speak freely; and, fourthly, that the President told Mr Kennedy that he had already selected his successor.

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2.20 H. A. Mills, A. H. Purves.

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0.48 Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Smalley.

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The following will represent Lane Crawford's in their lawn bowls match against a K.C.C. team on the latter's green on Sunday morning:
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E. W. HAMILTON,
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January 16, 1941.

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Tells Danger Of Air Invasion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that the United States would be in "very great danger of an air invasion should the British navy be destroyed or should it surrender."

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Reports spread abroad concerning a meeting between Italian and German personages are devoid of foundation, states the official Italian news agency.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land near Tai Shui Hang, Demarcation District 169, New Territories in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour"

7.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Saxophone Recital by Falapio with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano—1. Concerto in E Minor (Grieg)—2. Mov. Macioso, 2nd Mov. Andante Sostenuto, 3rd Mov. Presto; 2. "Ilona" Hungarian Czardas (Grieg).

8.28 Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

8.30 London Relay—"Theatreland."

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People."

9.45 Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana"—Characters and Solos in order of appearance: Turiddu, a young soldier, Giovanni Breviarolo (Tenor); Santuzza, a village girl, Dolci Sanzio (Soprano); Lucia, mother of Turiddu, Oliva De Franco (Contralto); Alfio, a teamster, Piero Blasini (Baritone); Lola, wife of Alfio, M. Pantalone (Mezzo-Sop.); and Members of La Scala Orchestra and Chorus, Milan.

11.00 Close Down.

Bomber Fund Donations

A total of \$1,545,525.68 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:
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PRIVATE DELIVERY Businessman Fined \$50

William Peter Hunt, 39, company proprietor, a citizen of the United States of America and resident at the Hongkong Hotel, appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of infringing Defence Regulations. Lance Sergeant Jenner said that he went on board a Dutch steamer on Wednesday and when he asked defendant whether he had any letters, he replied that he had some which he had already handed to an officer on the ship for delivery in Hongkong. Hunt said that he did not know that it was a crime to bring letters in otherwise by post and Lance Sergeant Jenner said that defendant was quite frank about the possession of the three letters which he readily produced. The letters were shown to the magistrate. Defendant was on \$100 bail and was fined \$50.

NEWSMAN LOOKS AT THAILAND

Japanese Influence Grows
CHUNGKING, Jan. 15 (Central News).—The key fact about Thailand is that it is a revolutionary state with a great mass of peasants and with a tremendous illiteracy, declared Mr. Theodore White, Chungking correspondent of "Time," who has returned here from a four-month tour of Indo-China, Thailand, Singapore, the Netherlands East Indies and Manila. Mr. White, who was in Indo-China when the Japanese marched into that country, found that although Thailand insists upon democracy, being the goal of its revolution, the influence of the democracies is waning in Thailand—a country ruled by a few educated people at the top. There are two groups in the Thai government he said; a pro-Japanese group and a pro-democracies group. However, the pro-British and pro-American clique has but a small voice in governmental affairs while British influence, strong in the past, is fast disappearing.

Armed Forces
According to Mr. White, the Thais are not a military people although that country has an army of between 125,000 and 150,000 of a population of 14,000,000, an air force of 300 planes (mostly American-made), and a doubtful navy force which includes four submarines.

Mr. White said that the Japanese urged the Thais to take back two pieces of territory from Indo-China after the French capitulation to the Germans. He said that there is a group in the Thai government who could be used to resist Japan's southward advance. He added that Thailand now finds herself in the same position as Poland in 1938 when the Czechoslovakian crisis flared up.

New Italian General

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Jan. 16 (UP).—It is officially announced that Crown Prince Humbert has been promoted to the rank of General in the Army.

Crossword Puzzle

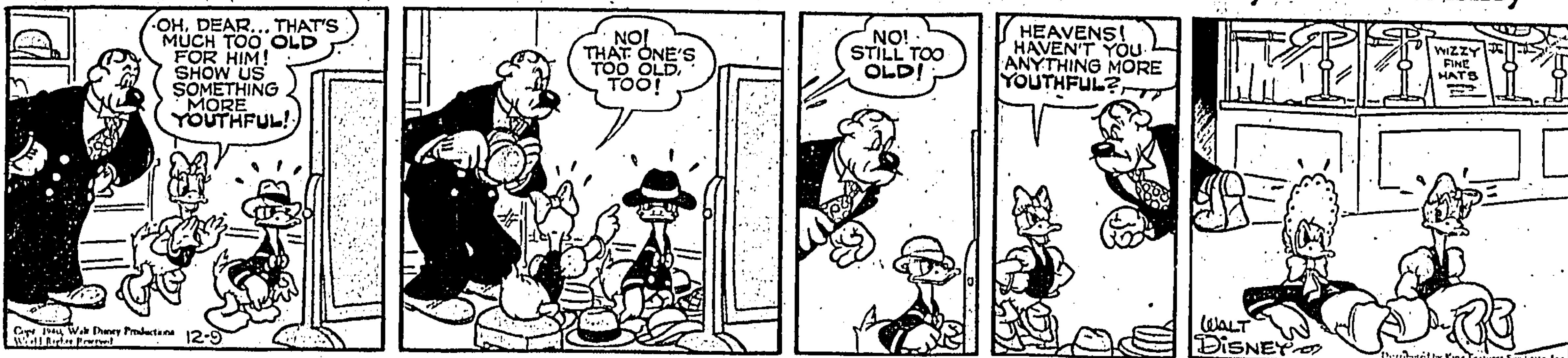
By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Depreciate
2—Pertaining to foundation
3—Possibly case of Persia
4—Crate
5—Angry
6—Cool of love
7—Fortel
8—One who plays pipe
9—True
10—Moves eternally
11—Arbitrator
12—A duck
13—Hug
14—Books freely
15—In reluctant manner
16—Employ
17—In rest
18—Complete
19—Sudden attack
20—Finger
21—Lethargy
22—Noted period of time
23—Warning signal
24—Kind of article
25—Boomer
26—French caps
27—Ginseng mammal
28—Vegetable dish
29—Form of appeal
30—Papa government
31—Hug
32—Growing instants
33—Feeling
34—Scene of British naval mutiny (1797)
35—Small body of water

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
1—Animal with two feet
2—Cap
3—Tree juice
4—Kind of article
5—Garment for dead
6—Open space
7—Sheep-like ruminant
8—Blood of and out
9—Found by water
10—Emmit swiftly
11—Blood of Texas police
12—Nesting woman
13—Pope's triple crown
14—Form of denoting occupation
15—Blood-vessel
16—Call forth
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GERMAN TROOPS POUR INTO RUMANIA: TENSE ATMOSPHERE PREVAILS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The greatest uneasiness is felt in Rumania at the increasing arrivals of fresh German troops, which are now estimated to total 12 divisions, say the Istanbul correspondent of the independent French agency. He adds that the number is shortly expected to reach 18 divisions.

Rumanian military circles consider that these moves are aimed to occupy Rumania in the event of upheavals that might imperil German food supplies; secondly, to hold a threat over south-eastern European states and Turkey particularly, and also to prepare a spring offensive against Greece.

The German troops arrive mostly straight from France, an officer saying that they came from Paris in a week with them came a number of Renault (French) lorries. The troops are in four main groups, one in Moldavia, opposite the Soviet frontier; one in the region of Bucharest and Ploesti oil zone; a third, apparently reserves, in Banat where it is supported by members of the German minority holding keyposts in the municipalities; and a fourth group along the line of the Danube, opposite Bulgaria.

Turkey's Warning
LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Turkish press discussing the chances of the Balkans keeping out of the war, says that if Bulgaria consents to the transit of German troops it would drag her right into the midst

of the tempest and another war front would be opened.

It would be a mistake to think that Soviet neutrality would remain unaffected in such an event.

Reports continue to be received that German troops are arriving in Bulgaria by the hundreds as tourists and commercial travellers. Moscow radio has again broadcast a denial of German inspired reports that Russia has consented to the movement of German troops in Bulgaria and has also re-broadcast Bulgaria's denial of these reports.

Nazi Concentrations
SOFIA, Jan. 16 (UP).—A diplomatic source estimated the German troops in Rumania will total 250,000 men at the end of January, and added that military materials for over 500,000 men is stored in Rumania.

British Leaders Of Polish Squadrons

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Three R.A.F. Officers have been awarded the highest Polish award.

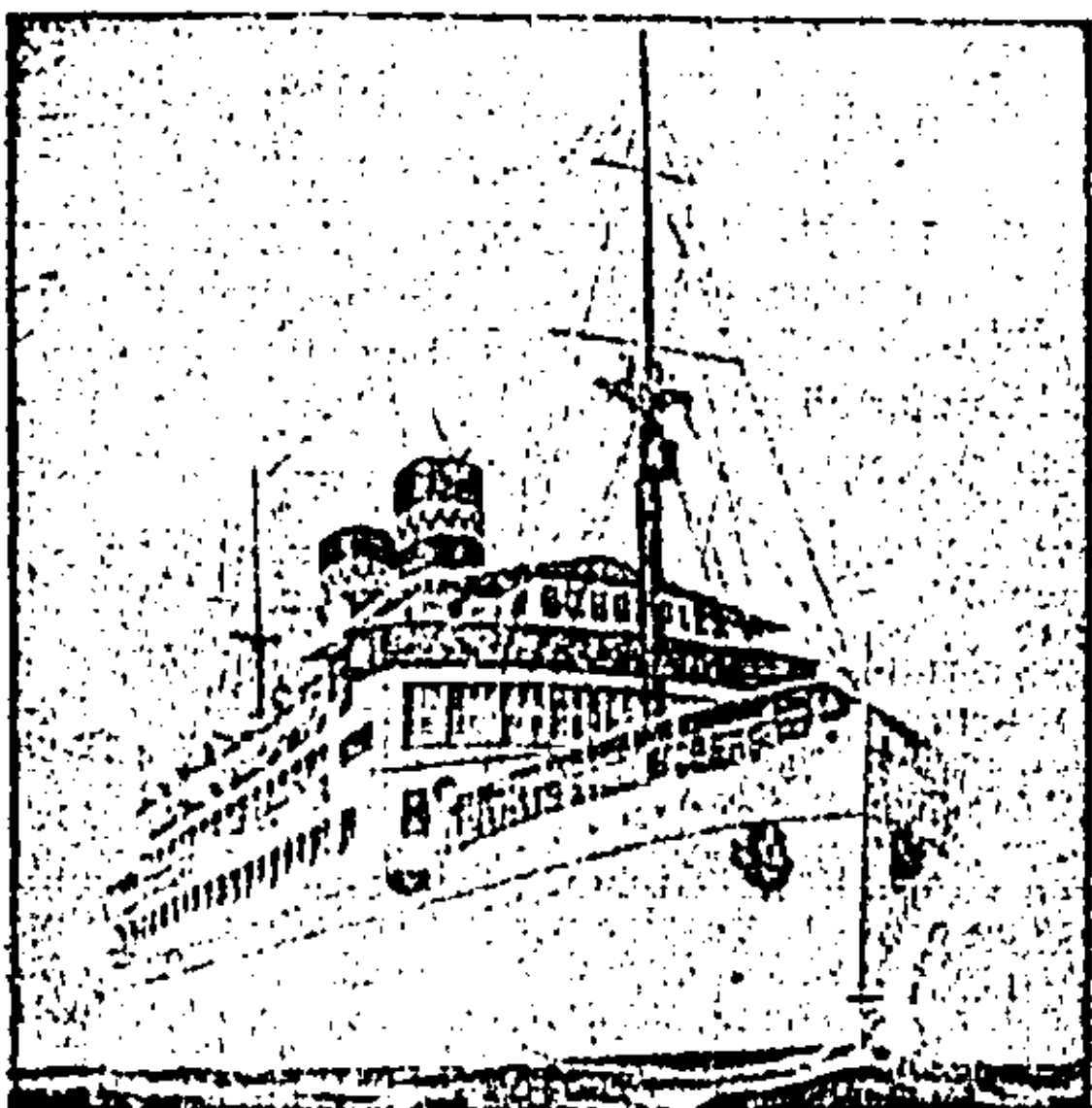
They are Squadron Leaders R. G. Kellett, J. A. Kent and A. S. Ford, all leaders of Polish squadrons. They were presented with their medals by General Sikorski, the Polish Commander-in-Chief. All three already hold the D.F.C., while Kellett also holds the D.S.O.

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British Naval Loss: Cruiser Destroyed

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the cruiser Southampton—a target of joint German-Italian air attack in the central Mediterranean on Friday—is a total loss.

In flames after being hit, she had to be sunk by British forces when she could not be towed to port.

Impossible To Tow
“As a result of the damage, the fire later attained such proportions that it became necessary to abandon the ship. The Southampton subsequently had to be sunk by our own forces when it was found impracticable to tow her into port. The great majority of the crew have been saved.”

The cruiser Southampton, of 9,000 tons, was launched at Clydebank in 1936 and had a speed of 32 knots and a main armament of 12 six-inch guns. She was an escort vessel when the King and Queen visited Canada and the United States. Early in the war she suffered three casualties when Nazi raiders bombed shipping in the Firth of Forth.

BRITISH ASSETS IN AMERICA

Morgenthau's Statement
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, declaring himself in favour of the “Lease and Lend Bill,” told a press conference that to the best of his knowledge Mr Churchill's Government had no assets available for American purchase apart from the \$1,775,000,000 which he reported to Congress on Wednesday.

He explained that although the assets did not include the values from Canadian and other Empire investments in the United States, these additional resources were not available to London.

Declining to estimate the value of these assets, Mr Morgenthau said that the British Empire is a family and has the same problems as a human family. Because some members of a family have assets, it does not mean necessarily that they belong to the rest of the family.

OFFICER IDENTIFIES BODY OF MURDERED MOTHER

ST. PANCRAS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The inquest on Mrs Lloyd James, wife of Professor Lloyd James, was formally adjourned to-day to February 21, and will follow the criminal proceedings against the husband.

The blood-stained carving fork and hammer found in the room with the corpse was produced in Court.

Flying Officer David James, formerly the youngest B.B.C. announcer, wearing the Royal Air Force uniform, gave evidence to-day of identification and stated that he

was generally believed that the new ambassador had brought a scheme on which a measure of agreement had been reached. He has seen M. Molotov several times but apparently an agreement is as far off as ever.

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Obstacles To Soviet-Japanese Amity Pact

MOSCOW, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—That the Soviet-Japanese pact is hanging fire and agreement appears as far off as ever, is the general impression here. With the arrival of the new Japanese Ambassador, Lieut General Tatekawa last October, the conviction grew that a Soviet-Japanese Non-Aggression Pact would be signed very shortly.

M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, and Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, have both stated that there is no reason why relations between the two countries should not be on a normal footing.

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PANDORA SINKS TWO SHIPS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The British submarine, Pandora, has sunk two Italian supply ships, each of about 5,000 tons, in the central Mediterranean.

An Admiralty communique announcing this states that both ships were south-bound, and that one of them was seen to have a cargo of motor transports on her decks.

* The Pandora was on the China Station for several years.

STRIKES BREAK OUT IN S'HAH

Coincident With The Chinese New Year

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (UP).—With the approach of the Chinese New Year which falls on January 27, an epidemic of strikes is spreading in Shanghai.

The messengers of the local telegraph offices are quitting their work, demanding for higher wages, while the “Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury” appeared in the streets during late evening to-day instead of early afternoon, as a result of a go-slow strike in the printing room, while negotiations regarding the demands of its Chinese workers are going on.

Many barbers still have not returned to work. Office boys and messengers of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation joined the strikers this afternoon after the management had rejected their demands. The office boys and messengers first walked out on Wednesday when they struck for two hours. However, they returned pending completion of negotiations.

NIGHT FIGHTER'S SUCCESS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—An R.A.F. night fighter pilot made war history last night when single-handed, he shot down and destroyed two German raiders.

He brought down the first victim after a running fight which began over London shortly after midnight. Riddled with bullets and with both engines out of action, the bomber crashed near an Essex town with a terrific explosion.

The second victim was intercepted over Essex four hours later. Damaged by a burst of fire, it turned for home but was re-engaged and was shot down.

Okazaki in India from H.K. Gives Interview

BOMBAY, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Japan's desire was for closer trade relations with India, Mr Katsuo Okazaki, the new Consul-General in Calcutta (and former Consul-General in Hongkong) told “Reuter” on his arrival here to-day.

Mr Okazaki did not think that the Japanese would change their attitude towards the European war and he expressed surprise that Japanese in India had recently sent their families home. He had brought out his family with him.

He denied that Japan had any ambitions to expand southwards. As far as he knew, Japanese negotiations with the Dutch East Indies for oil were proceeding smoothly.

As regards trade with India, the position was satisfactory but Japan desired closer trade relations and he would do his best to bring that about.

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (UP).—An official communique issued to-day stated that R.A.F. bombers caused very heavy damage to the Benghazi harbour on Monday and Tuesday nights. At Benina the aerodrome was machine-gunned and a number of planes destroyed.

An Italian position at Assab in East Africa, was raided on Tuesday night where attacks were made on stores and warehouses. A large fire was started. At Benghazi “the harbour was heavily bombed and large fires were started in the buildings. Shipping was also attacked.”

Catania Hit Hard

CAIRO, Jan. 16 (UP).—An R.A.F. reconnaissance flight over Catania showed that during the raid on the night of January 12, between 20 and 40 planes were either burned out or severely damaged, three hangars badly hit and the Administrative buildings damaged.

Damaging Attacks
CAIRO, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Between 30 and 40 enemy aircraft were shot out and several were damaged by the R.A.F.'s initial raid on Catania airport in Sicily on Sunday night.

Italy's Libyan port of Benghazi was heavily raided both on Monday and Tuesday nights. These disclosures were made by an R.A.F. communique issued here to-day. Describing the Benghazi raids, the communique says that the main moles of the harbour were heavily bombed and large fires were caused among the buildings around the Customs house. A heavy explosion occurred at the base of the mole. Other bombed buildings on the quayside and straddled Government buildings. Shipping was also attacked.

On the return journey, the aircraft machine-gunned Benina aerodrome. Two enemy aircraft were set afire and destroyed and damage was caused to a number of others.

Aerial Patrol
“In the forward area (of the British advance into Libya), between Tobruk and Derna, our fighters maintained a constant patrol but no engagements with the enemy took place.”

The communique records raids in Italian East Africa on the Assab stores on Tuesday night and on Asmara the previous night, and reports that from all operations all but one fighter, shot down in Libya, returned safely.

MR KENNEDY TO SPEAK FRANKLY

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—Following a conference with President Roosevelt, Mr Joseph Kennedy, ex-Ambassador to London, said he planned to make frank radio address next Saturday night at 730, when he will emphasize the need of “staying out of the war.”

He declared: “For once, I am going to say for myself what I have on my mind.”

He said he had told the President about it.

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COLONY'S BUDGET

CALMLY and confidently the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, the Colony's Financial Secretary, yesterday introduced before the Legislative Council a budget which, as an original estimate covering a 12-month period, is easily a record for Hongkong. The community faces the prospect of an expenditure of \$62,389,776 between April 1 this year and March 31, 1942, and an envisaged deficit of \$7,553,776 which is to be met by various means, including an increase in the rates of one per cent., further entertainment tax, increased estate duty and higher duties on liquor, as well as new taxation on table waters. All this, however, is only expected to produce about \$4,000,000, and the remaining part of the deficit is to be met by increased war taxation.

One-fifth of the expenditure is to be devoted specifically to war purposes, including local civil and military defences, and a community gift of vessels valued at \$5,220,000. The remaining \$50,000,000 constitutes domestic spending; for this, an effort is being made to maintain progress in social services; an infectious diseases hospital is to be built; there is to be a Fisheries Research Station and an Experimental Agricultural station in the New Territories with the avowed object of improving the nutrition of the Colony's population and at the same time help to make the Colony more self-supporting; two new police stations are to be constructed to meet the crying need for more effective police protection in Kowloon Tong and Wongneichong; and the vexed problem of nightsoil carrying and its present dangers of spreading disease, is to be solved by the work being taken over by the Sanitary Department. A new Public Mortuary is included in the programme, as well as a disinfecting station in Kowloon. Government subsidy of the Tung Wah hospital is to be increased to \$750,000, large sums of money are to be spent on an adequate cemetery for the Chinese in the New Territories and, we are promised, several lakhs will be spent on road maintenance and improvement.

These then, are the provisions for the coming financial year; it will certainly not please everybody, but in these abnormal times it is a skillful effort to strike a happy medium

The war has been switched, and now...

It All Depends On The Navy

—by Captain—

Bernard Acworth, D.S.O., R.N.,
distinguished commentator on naval affairs.

TO those who are un-dergoing trial by bomb in London and other cities the war seems to be raging on their doorsteps, and the heavy merchant ship losses—no less than 195,000 tons last week—remind us that in the Atlantic, and round our shores, the Battle of Britain is not yet finally won, though we are getting the better of it.

Under such circumstances, the Mediterranean seems a long way off, and to many it might at first appear that events in these distant lands and seas must be second in importance to events at home.

But this is not in reality so, and it is far to the South and East where our greatest dangers, and opportunities, lie.

Hitler Knows

It is true that a successful invasion of this island—or, what would be equally effective, its successful blockade by U-boats—would lose us the war, as would the breaking of civilian will-power by bomb raids.

But in all these three aspects of the Blitzkrieg, Hitler knows that he is failing, and that it is elsewhere he must try to compass the defeat of the British Commonwealth—that is to say, in the Mediterranean.

To understand clearly the opportunities of decisive victory in the Mediterranean it may be well to outline very briefly the salient features of the strategic situation at the present moment.

Hitler, as we must admit, dominates the Continent of Europe, as did Napoleon, with his vast military war-machine, but we remain dominant at sea, and are thus able to blockade Europe, cutting off our enemies from the outside world, without which Germany and Italy cannot live indefinitely.

Blockade Weapon

The blockade, slow working as it is, is our chief offensive weapon, and it is the blockade which Hitler has therefore vowed to raise.

It is exercised at the three great sea-gates of Europe—Dover, Gibraltar and Aden—and, so long as we control

which deserves commendation. At a time when it is vitally necessary to strain every resource to assist in the Empire's fight for an enduring cause, Government might well have been excused if it had ignored social improvements; that the authorities, as the Hon. Mr. Butters expressed it, preferred to "try and steer a middle course and have followed the golden mean of practically as against the extremes of both ultra conservatism and radical change", is both encouraging and consoling.

Extra taxation was inevitable, but the end is far more important than the means, and towards that end, it is to be hoped, Hongkong will cheerfully make its contribution.

these sea-gates, Hitler's military victories on land cannot be consolidated.

The Straits of Dover are in our hands, and will remain so, but Gibraltar and Aden are threatened, if only verbally at present, and these two vital sea-gates must be held.

If the Straits of Gibraltar were opened to enemy ships, and closed to ours, the blockade would be lifted, and the war, for us, would be out of hand.

Indeed, if the Axis, with the connivance of Spain, could establish control at the Straits of Gibraltar and Aden, our fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean could not be indefinitely sustained, and might even be caught in a trap.

So much for Gibraltar, against which Hitler and Mussolini are plotting, though the nature of the plot has not yet been revealed.

In the Eastern Mediterranean the war has flared up by Italy's attack on Greece. This attack, though ostensibly a wanton aggression against another little country, is in reality aimed as a mortal blow at Britain.

If...

Its object is to turn our armies out of Egypt and Palestine, and the Navy out of what Mussolini has prematurely called "Mare Nostrum"—Our Sea.

If Graziani could defeat our army in Egypt we should lose the great Naval base at Alexandria, and the port of Suez at the North of the Red Sea.

The loss of Suez, even with Aden in our hands, would immensely complicate, if it did not entirely preclude, the reinforcement of our Army in Palestine.

While Italy threatens our position in Egypt, Germany and Italy combined threaten our position in Palestine which, at present, is powerfully buttressed by Turkey against attack from the North.

Turkey's action in the near future is, therefore, awaited with anxious attention.

Battle-Sea

Should Turkey remain neutral, the Axis must "by-pass" Turkey and attack our army in Palestine through Syria.

But this means that the attack must be sea-borne, and hence the declaration of war on Greece by Italy in order, mainly, to obtain naval bases in the islands lying off the Dardanelles, which would control the entrance and exit to those Straits through which oil and wheat can flow.

Also Mussolini covets the Island of Crete, with its magnificent harbour at Suda Bay, which stands athwart the entrance to the Aegean Sea.

Once again, therefore, as throughout the history of the

world, the Eastern Mediterranean is a world battlefield, or, more accurately, a "battle-sea," because victory or defeat for either combatant turns on sea-power.

As far as can be foreseen at the moment, the enemy's stupendous plan for the overthrow of the British Empire, which the Battle of Britain has failed to achieve, can, therefore, be summarised as follows:

"The Outer War"

The breaking of the blockade by overthrowing our sea control at Gibraltar and Aden. If the Axis cannot win this victory in what can most simply be described as "The Outer War," it cannot finally consolidate Hitler's "New Order," no matter what successes it achieves within this ring.

The land battles in Egypt will settle the fate of Alexandria, the Navy's main base in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Mussolini is committed to an attack on Egypt, and if his armies are threatened with defeat he will be compelled to reinforce across the Mediterranean, which will give the Navy its opportunity of a great sea battle that might prove as decisive on world history as Trafalgar.

Our Opportunities

Should Italy be able to seize naval bases on the Greek Islands, the threat to Syria, and thus to Palestine, will be intensified because, with Turkey neutral, the dispatch of Italian-German armies to Asia Minor by sea will be facilitated.

An attack on Palestine at the same time as we were repelling an attack on Egypt would give us two fronts to defend simultaneously, and would strain our military resources to the utmost.

The dangers facing Britain in the Eastern Mediterranean are great, but they are also the measure of our opportunities for a decisive victory over the Axis.

Victory or defeat depends upon the maintenance of our own sea communications with, and in, these narrow waters.

Never before in our adventurous history has so much depended in so small an area on the triumph of British sea power.

It is upon the Navy, under the good Providence of God, that victory must chiefly depend.

Editor's Note:—The foregoing article was written in the early stages of the campaign in the Mediterranean, since when Britain's naval and military forces have scored decisive victories over the Italians both at sea and in the African desert, thus breaking the plan of Axis strategy discussed by the author.

SECRET PACT BY THREE GENERALS

By Victor Schiff

IT is revealed now that when France was crumbling under invasion, three French colonial generals agreed secretly to fight on with the British Empire.

These rebels, who communicated with each other over thousands of miles, were:

General Nogues, in charge of all French forces in North Africa (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia);

General Mittelhauser, who had succeeded Weygand in Syria as C-in-C. of the French Army in the Orient; and

General Catroux, the Governor-General of Indo-China.

Two Gave Way

The first to give way—after much hesitation—to the pressure from the French Government was General Nogues.

General Mittelhauser, who had just assured General Wavell that he would ignore the armistice of Compiegne, then got cold feet and declared that he could not possibly continue the fight alone in the Mediterranean if he was let down by Nogues.

The third of the three "rebels," General Catroux, stuck to his word.

He was dismissed by Vichy and had to leave the colony to escape arrest by his appointed successor, Admiral Decoux.

He came to London to collaborate with General de Gaulle.

Against Laval

The story is told by "France," the French daily newspaper in London, and comes apparently from General Catroux's entourage.

It gains interest in view of rumours about Nogues's reluctance to support the second capitulation of France now prepared by Laval, and of the Axis drive in the direction of Syria.

To meet De Gaulle, who had left for Africa when he arrived in London, General Catroux had to fly thousands of miles.

Their first dramatic meeting took place in the Sahara desert, at Fort-Lamy, the capital of the Chad colony, which was the first to break away from Vichy.

Now both M. Eboue, Negro Governor of the Chad, and General Catroux, are members of the National Council of Defence appointed by General de Gaulle.

Emergency Mercantile Fleet For America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has formally asked Congress for authority to build a fleet of 200 merchant ships "on an emergency basis." He has also asked for an appropriation of \$213,000,000 to cover the cost.

President Roosevelt made the request in a message to Congress in which he said, "I am convinced that the national interests demand immediate steps to be taken to provide against the effect upon the United States of a possible world shortage of cargo vessels."

The President's message added that emergency ship construction should not be permitted to interfere with the long-range shipbuilding programme which the United States Maritime Commission was already pushing forward, nor with naval construction. There has been some speculation whether these new ships might be lent to Britain or whether they will replace existing ships which might be transferred to Britain.

Soldier On Serious Charge

Private Frank Kenneth Jacobs of the Royal Army Medical Corps was charged at Kowloon this morning with having had carnal knowledge of a Chinese girl without her consent yesterday, and also with indecent assault on the same girl.

The case was remanded for one week.

Hoover On Powers Of President

Wants Definition Drafted

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Mr. Herbert Hoover, the former President sent a letter to Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee to-day requesting a definition of President Roosevelt's powers under the Lease and Lend Bill and calling on the Committee to draft into the Bill "positive definitions" of the President and specifically to exclude what they are not.

Mr. Hoover declares that such action would eliminate much controversy and bitterness.

Gunboats For Nanking

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Two gunboats for the Nanking Government were launched yesterday at the Kiangnan Dockyard.

LAST WORDS OF ADVICE TO FAR EAST AXIS PROPONENT

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Far Eastern problems are the subject of leading articles in two influential British newspapers to-day.

The "Times" discusses the situation of the Netherlands East Indies and Japan, and the prominent provincial newspaper "Yorkshire Post," appeals to Japan to effect a rapprochement with the democracies.

The "Times" emphasises the strong pro-British sympathies of the Dutch Indies and recalls that immediately Holland was over-run, Tokyo assumed that the Dutch colonial empire would be ready to receive Japanese assistance.

The special mission under Koyabashi found the Indies willing to negotiate on an economic basis only and it returned to Tokyo with every protestation that the Dutch Indies did not come within the scope of the "new order of Greater Asia."

Although this was doubtless the official Tokyo view, says the "Times," it cannot altogether be without significance that the Japanese League for the emancipation of southeastern Asiatic nations has just issued a flamboyant manifesto in which races in the East Indies, Malaya, Burma, the Philippines and even India are mentioned as among those to be liberated.

Begins at Home

The "Times" adds that such emancipation is unlikely to appeal to any of these peoples. This form of charity begins at home—Japanese-occupied China for example.

The paper concludes that although Japan has no much in hand, the Netherlands authorities are not taking any risks and much wealth is being spent defence measures.

In the east as in the west, Great Britain and Holland stand together.

Under the title "Japan Thinks It Over," the "Yorkshire Post" discusses the effects of the Axis Pact on Japan. The chief result hitherto has been to bring Britain and America closer together in uncompromising resistance to Japan's aggressive designs. It recalls that Mr Cordell Hull yesterday pointed out that the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interests would be friendly relations with the United States. "Even to the fire-eaters of Tokyo, that should be obvious enough; it is equally true of

Vital Dependence

The "Yorkshire Post" then points out Japan's dependence on America for engineering supplies and vital raw materials. It emphasises that Japan depends on Britain for 70 per cent of the profits of her foreign trade.

"More than this: the friendship of America and Britain would invite her to collaborate in the new world order, not based like Hitler's on tyranny and fraud, but framed to ensure justice and security for all nations great and small."

The article concludes that there are signs that Japan has begun to think over the alternatives and declares that her chief need is for a statesman with courage to join Mr Cordell Hull in telling her where her true interests lie before the "unhappy entanglement with the Axis becomes irrevocable."

RAIDS ON NAZI NAVAL BASES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced the R.A.F. attacked the Wilhelmshaven naval base throughout the night and caused extensive fires in the target areas. They also attacked the docks at Emden, Bremerhaven, Rotterdam, Flushing and the harbour at Brest.

German Version

BERLIN, Jan. 16 (UP).—The official news agency says that the attack on Wilhelmshaven miscarried in a military sense and the bombs were dropped without any plan. Two hospitals were damaged in addition to some residences. There was no military damage.

The High Command, however, stated that "20 were killed and 30 injured at Wilhelmshaven."

Informed German circles claimed that a U-boat sank a 14,000 ton merchantman but there are no details.

Illustrious Justifies Name In Savage Duel

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—A thrilling account of how the aircraft carrier Illustrious successfully fought off determined dive-bombing attacks during Friday's German-Italian attack on a convoy, is told by a correspondent who was on board her.

Despite the fact that she was hit by a heavy bomb almost at the beginning, Illustrious successfully fought off her attackers for seven hours during which it is estimated that from 40 to 50 German planes dropped at least 100 1,000-lb. bombs in an attempt to sink her.

The correspondent was in the mess room when the bugles sounded the warning of the attack. He rushed to the bridge and had only just reached it when a heavy bomb struck the flight deck. All the anti-aircraft guns were blazing away and although the German planes dived from all directions every gun crew kept up a steady stream of fire.

They stood in their unprotected positions blazing away despite flying splinters and machine-gun fire from the planes. What few breathing spells there were, were used by the crew to carry the wounded to places of comparative safety.

Blown Through Hatchway

One heavy bomb dropped in the water close to the ship sending a column of water high over the bridge and blowing the correspondent through a hatchway to the deck below. Between 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. there were never more than a few minutes free from action. Just before the seven hour ordeal ended the German planes made a determined torpedo attack. The Rear-Admiral stood on the bridge and gave the order to push ahead at top speed the moment the Germans dived. Their torpedoes swished harmlessly into the water a few feet from her stern. The

Vichy-Berlin Messages

Pétain Still Waiting

ZURICH, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Hitler's reply to the personal message which Marshal Pétain sent him before Christmas may be brought before the Vichy Cabinet on Saturday, according to the Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse."

He says that the long-awaited visit to Vichy of Comte de Brignon, the Vichy representative in Paris, is expected soon and it will be followed by a Cabinet meeting on Saturday to discuss Franco-German relations. The correspondent recalls that Comte de Brignon is due to bring Hitler's reply to Marshal Pétain's message.

Nazi Army On Coast Of Holland Ready For Invasion?

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).

The number of German soldiers now in Holland is much higher than even the most extensive army of occupation would justify, state well-informed circles in London.

A great number of the soldiers are stationed in coastal districts which have been declared defence areas.

Dutch cigar manufacturers have had to supply over 50,000,000 cigars monthly to the German army of which 40,000,000 are said to be smoked by the Germans in Holland. Even if every soldier gets only one cigar per day this would mean that there are over a million soldiers in Holland.

Ten million cigars are sent to Belgium and France.

It was clearly stated in an article in a Dutch Nazi paper that Holland was being used as a base for the attack on England. The writer complained of bad feeling existing among the population, adding that "it is not in the interests of the Netherlands to commit sabotage or to demonstrate against the Germans."

However, the position was improved by the fact that the Germans exercised "to the full the right of an occupying Power."

FASCIST VICTIMS

Sinclair On Threat To Italy

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).

"Hitler will be broken against the iron will of the British people," declared the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, speaking in Glasgow to-day.

"Britain will not be his next victim," he said. "But one country which is in real peril of complete Nazi domination is Italy, brought to the edge of destruction by the insatiable ambition of Mussolini."

The Abyssinians are now in arms, said Sir Archibald, and he hoped that there would not be a long wait before they regained independence.

Fascism Doomed
"Fascism is doomed and the friends of Italy must hope that strong Italian forces will break the grip of the Fascist bosses before they drag Italy down with them into German slavery."

Uttering a word of caution over the victorious achievements in Libya, he said that behind the defeated armies of Italy loomed the huge armies of Germany—there was a most formidable enemy.

"Something else happened too," he added. "The great republic of the United States has taken its stand for freedom against Nazidom. If Hitler and his German dupes dare raise their eyes, they will see the writing upon the wall of Congress—the Aid to Britain Bill."

East Hupeh Invaders Repelled

CHINESE CHECK ATTACKS

CHUNGKING, Jan. 16 (Central News).—The latest Japanese offensive in eastern Hupeh has failed resulting in more than 500 casualties, according to field dispatches received here from the Hupeh front.

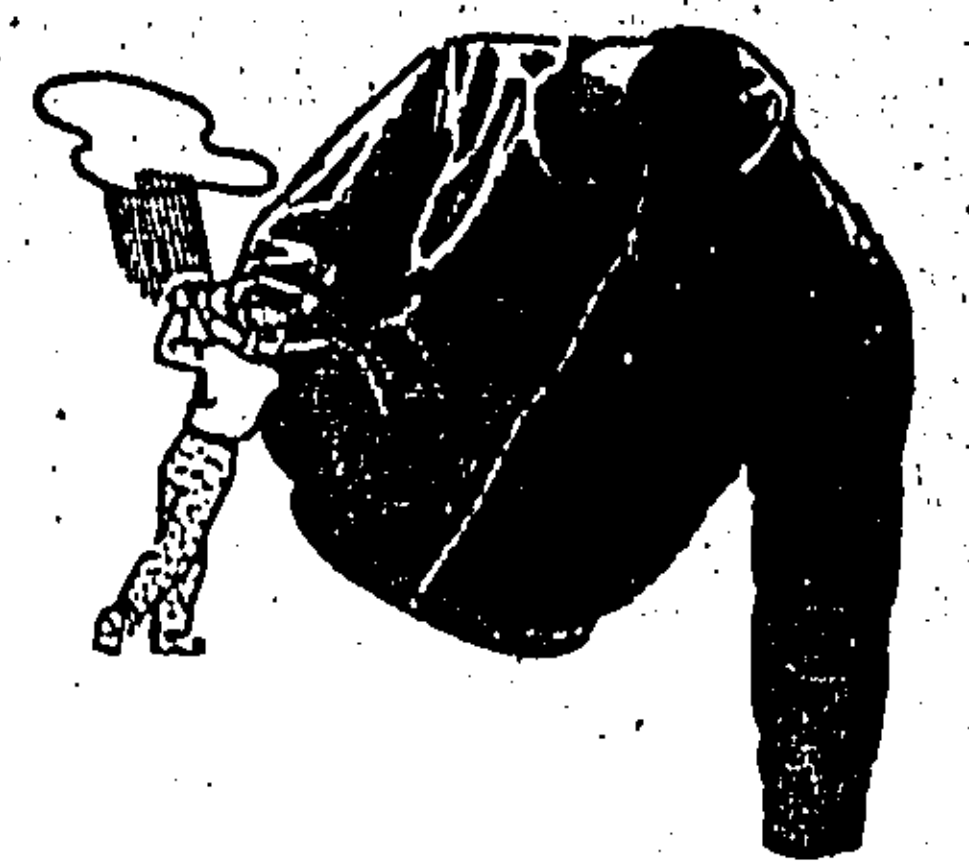
In the afternoon of January 4, a mixed Japanese force of infantry and artillery units numbering over 2,000 men launched a three-column attack with the object of clearing the Kwangsi-Hokou highway of Chinese troops. One column pushed from Kwangsi towards Makungling hill near Yinsan, another drove from Hwanggan to Hokou and Hsiaoan, while the third advanced from Hwangyuan towards Chingshankou on the border of Yinsan and Hsiaoan. The three columns were intercepted by Chinese troops who put up a stiff resistance and checked their advance. Following severe fighting lasting two days and nights, the Japanese offensive collapsed.

Train Wrecked

SHIUKWAN, Jan. 16 (Central News).—A Japanese troop train on the Canton-Samsui Railway was badly wrecked on January 13 when it struck Chinese mines near Lion Hill. The locomotive and two coaches were blown up and some 30 Japanese soldiers were killed or wounded.

Hengyang Raided

HENGYANG, Jan. 16 (Central News).—Nine Japanese aircraft raided Hengyang on yesterday morning but no damage was done. At 10.30 a.m. a lone Japanese plane appeared over the city conducting reconnaissance. Shortly after noon nine others flew over and dropped bombs, all of which missed their mark and fell on open fields outside the city.



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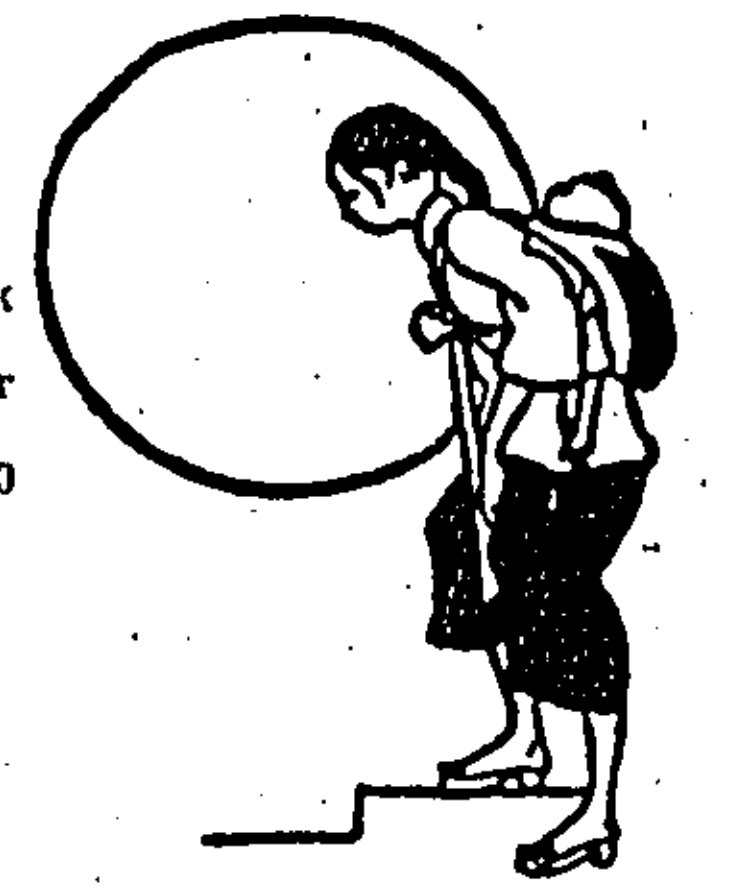
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Burmese Mission Calls On Chungking Leaders

CHUNGKING, Jan. 17 (Central News).—The Burmese Government Mission spent a busy day yesterday calling on various Chinese Government leaders. Formal talks regarding the settlement of the communication problems between China and Burma are expected to be initiated to-day.

Accompanied by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, Mr Tegtart H. Crow and three other members of the Mission called on Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan.

They paid separate visits to Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, and Dr. Wang Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs.

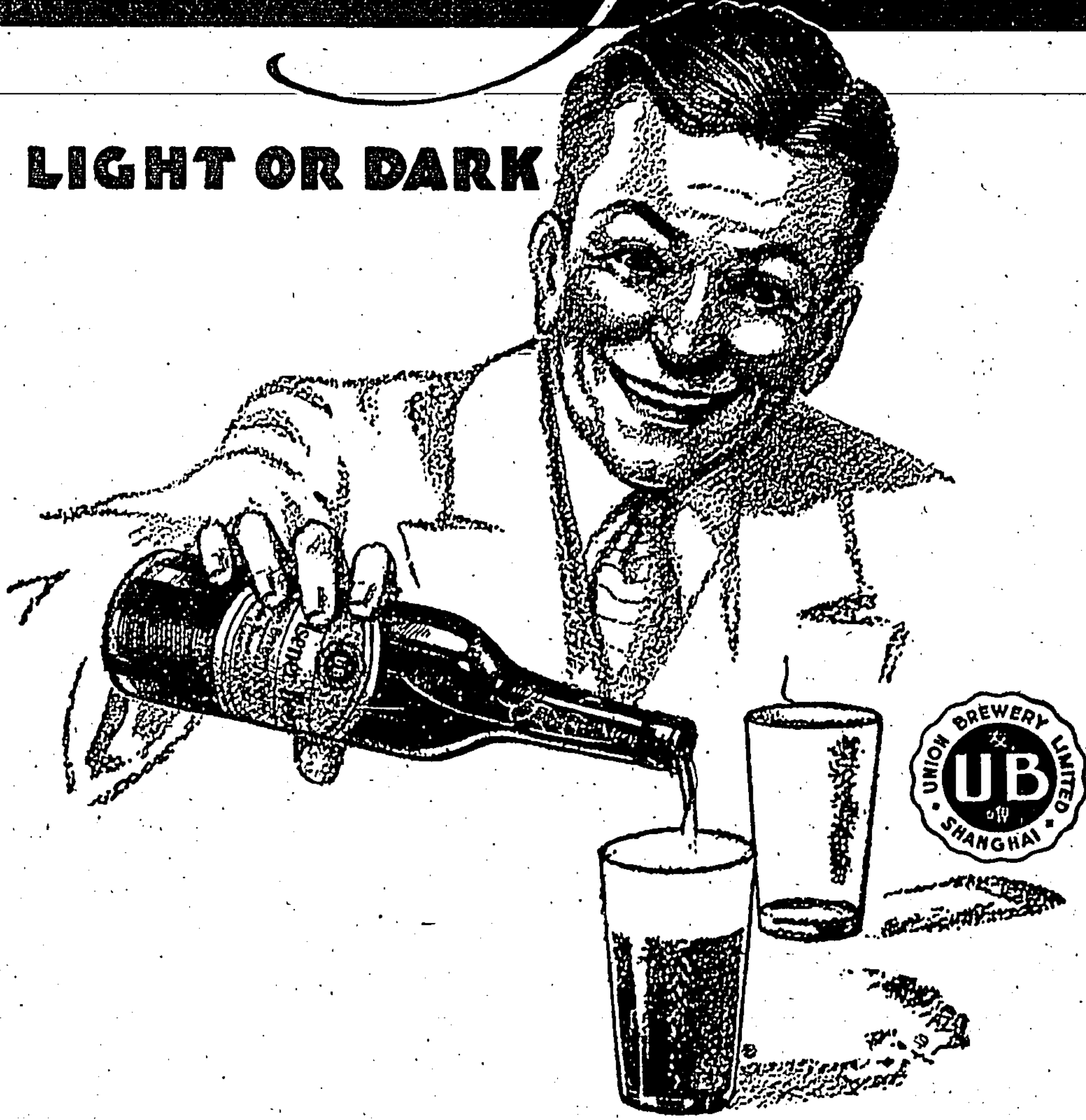
The Burmese officials were entertained at dinner last night by Dr. Wang Chung-hui. More than twenty Chinese and foreign officials were present including Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, Mr Hsu Mo, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Chang Kia-ngau, Mr Peng Hsueh-pel, Vice-Minister of Communications.

Personnel Taking Part

CHUNGKING, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Members of the Burma Mission consist of Mr Tegtart H. Crow, Counselor to the Governor of Burma; Mr U-ba Than, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Mr J. F. H. Nicholson, Chief Public Works officer of the Federated Shan states; Mr D. B. Reich, Commercial Secretary, who is acting as secretary of the Mission. The mission is expected to remain in Chungking about ten days discussing problems affecting China and Burma, including trade and communications. Mr U-ba Than is returning this week-end to Burma.

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Revised Weight Scale At Fanling Top Weight Not To Exceed 159 lbs: Minimum To Be 135 lbs

Change For The Better

QUICK DESPATCH, owned by Mr Kwok Hin-wang, can be recorded as the last Australian subscription griffin that had carried the top weight of 165 lb. to victory in the "Fanling Cup" (seven furlongs) at the Boxing Day Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, because we are going to start a new racing season with a lower scale of "weight for inches."

As from January 1, the scale of weights has been revised as under—

Australian Ponies		
14 hands 3 inches	152 lb. (reduced by 3 lb.)	
14 "	149 "	do
14 "	146 "	do
14 "	143 "	do
China Ponies		
14 hands 1 inch	149 lb. (reduced by 9 lb.)	
14 "	146 "	do
14 "	143 "	do
14 "	140 "	do

In all handicaps both for Australian and China ponies, the top weight allotted will not exceed 159 lb., and the bottom weight will not be less than 135 lb.

In the past the top weight for China ponies in the handicap events was 168 lb. A close study of the alteration of weights shows that the revision has favoured the China ponies more than the Australian ones. I may be wrong, but in my humble opinion "a preferential tariff" should be given to our "dumb friends" from the Antipodes.

Change for Better

HOWEVER, we are all unanimous that the radical change will be for the better owing to the fact that all the extra meetings of the Hongkong Jockey Club are held during the most trying summer months, and I am sure we shall find few stiff ponies on the walking list.

But it is to be hoped that owners will avoid the absurdity of putting up jockeys who cannot get down to the weight. We have, I must admit, a good bunch of feather-weight jockeys, but no one can convince me that there has not been a nice string of "beer steaks" riders. For better proof, one has only to look over the racing results and it will not take him long to compile a list of "overweight" jockeys.

Billiards

CORPORAL HARVEY WINS GARRISON TITLE

CORPORAL J. H. HARVEY, Royal Army Medical Corps, took senior billiards honours in Area sports last night, when, in the final of the Individual championship of the Soldiers' Club, he beat S.Q.M.S. Wood, R.A.S.C., by 500-378.

On form last night, Harvey deserved this success. He took an early lead and maintained it to the end. The standard, however, was not very high. Both players broke down on easy shots on several occasions when set for a break, and as a

consequence the highest for the evening was only 31—this by Harvey. Scoring on the other hands, was fairly rapid. The match lasted almost two hours.

Harvey's best breaks were 21, 24, 31 and 25. Wood's were 22, 23, 21 and 21.

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EXCELLENT PONIES AMONG NEW AUSTRALIANS Black Seal Prominent

I HAVE BEEN watching the Australian subscription ponies over a month, but I dare not venture to nominate the winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby because there are at least over ten worthy contenders.

I believe that the following are stayers, namely, Black Seal, Corsair, Endeavour, Dutch Treat, Fresh Air, Lex Fort, National Welfare, Royal Sovereign, Santa-Anita, Sydney Diamond, Sydney Lady, Strathalbyn, Vitamin M. and Zadderday.

It appears to me that A Fine Time, Amulet Star, Bendemeer, Bendigo Castle Hill, Corriedoo, Crack Shot, Friday, Happy Returns, High Hat, Hole in One, King's Flight, Look See, Mainsail, Manhattan, Moonlight, Never-Never, Optima Fide, Riverbride, Snow White, Seal River, United Express, War Tax, Wayworth and Willow are first class sprinters.

Fastest Gallop

At the time of writing the fastest gallop over the Derby course was performed by Black Seal, who covered 1½ miles in 3.17 with 20½ seconds for the last quarter. It was certainly a wonderful show, but I do not like him on account of his colour. Santa-Anita was asked to show what he could do over the champion course of 1½ miles and the chestnut by Prince Charles took 2.26.2 for the circuit. The same was, without any doubt, fast, but there was no finish in the home run.

Sydney Diamond has the appearance of a first class animal and he is certainly a fine galloper. About a fortnight ago I saw National Welfare cover 1½ miles in 3.25 with 28½ seconds for the last quarter and the last mile was galloped in 2.00.6. This mare is by Midnight Frolic, who also sired Quick Despatch.

I like Royal Sovereign's style of galloping and her recent display over the Derby course in 3.24½ was a good show. There was nothing to write-home about Zadderday's canter over the St Leger course in 4.08 but it appeared to me that the pony loved the jaunt and he finished on the bit.

The best sprint gallop of last Tuesday was by Hole in One (a sub) accompanied by Miss Chalfont (a griffin) and they certainly gave a demonstration of their wonderful legs over the 1½ mile. In coming home in 30 seconds with a few pounds to spare, Vitamin M. and Mainsail had a "look see" over the champion course in 2.48½ but the last mile in 2.02½ was very fast and the last half mile was run in 50½ seconds, which was undoubtedly a grand performance. Castle Hill and Seal River had a nice spin over a mile in 2.07 and both will be Mr Black's mounts at the big meeting.

Sussex County C.C. Appeals To Members To Assist Finances

LONDON.—Sussex County Cricket Club are faced with a possible deficit of £450 and the committee, through Mr W. L. Knowles, the secretary, are appealing to members and all followers of Sussex to help the club balance its accounts without a financial loss by the end of the year.

At the beginning of the year Sussex invited members to send at least one half of their usual subscription and cut of a membership of 3,000 about 1,200 responded by giving £1,200. Many paid their full subscription.

Now the committee appeal earnestly to those members who have not subscribed to send a donation to the secretary, so that there shall be no deficiency at the end of the year.—Our Own Correspondence.

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KOVACS TRIUMPHS—Francis L. Kovacs 2nd, of Oakland, Cal., left, with Wilmar L. Allison of Austin, Texas, former national champion, whom Kovacs defeated in tennis singles in invitation tourney in Seabright, N. J.

New List Of Records Will Be Necessary Fast Times Anticipated

THE REVISION of "weight for inches as per scale" means that the Hongkong Jockey Club will have to compile a new record list of fastest times, both for Australian and China ponies, at the Spring Meeting and we may look forward to see some very fast runs.

As a matter of news, I append below a complete list of Australian

Date	Distance	Pony	Weight	Time
3.12.38	From the 1½ Mile Post	Lancashire Chips	152 lb.	5.50%
20.9.36	Five Furlongs	Strathroy	105 lb.	1.02%
4.6.38	Six Furlongs	Courting Eve	163 lb.	
17.2.40		Far View	155 lb.	1.10%
11.5.40	One Mile	Sapper	163 lb.	1.42%
29.3.37	From the two mile post, once round and in.)	Strathroy	105 lb.	1.55%
27.2.37	1¼ Miles	Strathroy	152 lb.	2.10%
20.2.40	1½ Miles	Far View	155 lb.	2.41%
21.11.39	1¾ Miles	Strathroy	156 lb.	3.11%
6.4.40	Two Miles	Amicus Curiae	155 lb.	3.38%

Though the brown progeny of Paolet is no longer on the "active list," it will be seen from the above that Strathroy belonging to Mr J. F. Macgregor has four track records to his credit and the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club will have to

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19.11.32	Seven Furlongs	Mount Hope Bay	161 lb.	1.21%
20.2.35	Once Round	Glencroft	105 lb.	1.42%
20.2.40	One Mile	Soldier of Britain	109 lb.	1.44%
16.4.38	From the Two Mile Post, Once Round and in.	Burford	161 lb.	1.51%
14.12.40	1¼ Miles	Desert Chief	164 lb.	2.05
19.2.40	1½ Miles	Confusion Bay	161 lb.	2.19%
20.2.35	1¾ Miles	Satinlight	161 lb.	2.50%
		Liberty Bay	161 lb.	3.32%

Soldier of Britain (winner of 1934 Hongkong St Leger) has recently been demoted to "D" class, but I have not been able to discover when the great war is going to be discharged as "medically unfit." The revision of the weights has done a bit of good in that neither his name nor that of Liberty Bay can be expunged from the list which will have to be kept on file permanently. The latter pony was, in my estimation, one of the greatest China cross-breeds that ever raced at Happy Valley.

Old Weight Limits

I may, perhaps, not be known that prior to 1934 an Australian pony measuring 14 hands 3 inches had to shoulder 161 lb., whereas in the following year the weight was lowered to 155 lbs. and that prevailed up to the end of last December.

As to China ponies, the limit height in 1930 was 13 hands 3 inches carrying 161 lb. and Dinn Bay (the winner of Hongkong Derby) was the last carrying that weight. There was a loud cry for bigger animals and we saw 14 hands China griffins entering the arena. The weight on the basis of the 1930 scale should have been 164 lb., but the Stewards lowered it to 158 lb. for 1931 racing, and King's Service (14.0), belonging to the Chairman, was the first to capture the Blue Riband. In 1932 the height went up another inch, limiting all China ponies to 14.1 and under this category Liberty Bay,

ponies fastest times for various distances at the old scale weight, which was in force from January, 1934, to the end of December, 1940:

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place them in the archives for safe custody.

China Ponies

HEREUNDER is a list of China ponies fastest times for various distances at the old scale weight, which was in force from January, 1931, to the end of December, 1940:

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Chinese R. C. Meeting

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold their annual general meeting at the clubhouse, Causeway Bay, on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Among the items on the agenda are proposals to increase the entrance fee from \$30 to \$50 and to admit lady members.

Club Soccer Teams

The following will represent Hongkong Football Club against Police and Navy in the first and second divisions respectively of the Hongkong Football League to-morrow:

1st XI (Boundary Street)—J. Odell; S. H. Strange and J. Sloan; J. Skinner, Upton and L. Millington; F. Fowler, Bruce Rebertson, Scott and Blackford. 2nd XI (Caroline Hill)—Suter, McEwan and Grattan; Macfarlane, Gilchrist and Carr; Haynes, Fouldard, Lodge, A. Odell and Hopkinson.

carrying 161 lb., was the first to annex the Hongkong Derby.

A 14.1 China pony at the coming annual meeting will have to shoulder only 152 lb. and we shall certainly see some fast runners. It is reliably learned that there are over 350 Australian and China ponies training hard for the Annual Race Meeting and I am glad to report that Mr Eric Moller's string of over a dozen animals arrived here last week.

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Axis Air Strategy To Cut Mediterranean

(By "Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Germany is at war in the air on two fronts. Her squadrons based at Sicily have carried out one partially successful attack on British warships, notably on the aircraft carrier *Illustrious* and the cruiser *Southampton*.

The bill Germany had to pay for that stroke was the loss of a number of Junkers dive-bombers, but more important is the disclosure of a nest at Catania, of which the R.A.F. took immediate advantage.

The Luftwaffe may have other bases in the central Mediterranean, as at Sardinia, but it is almost certain that it is on the air control of the narrowest part of the "Italian lake" that it pins its greatest hopes of forcing the British Mediterranean fleet apart and keeping each half on its eastern and western basins and secondly, freeing the stranglehold on the Italian army in Libya so as to prolong their fight against the British forces in North Africa. A third objective is preventing continued military assistance to Greeks by this route until the spring brings promise of Italians in Albania fighting back over the ground they have lost.

Constant Supplies Necessary
This project, even with the aid of Italian torpedo-bombers, presumes a regular smooth flow of personnel and supplies to replace losses each time the Luftwaffe goes into action over the Brenner Pass down the hard-pressed Italian railway system and over to Messina or Palermo, another target of the R.A.F.

The more daring the German pilots—and they have shown over the Straits of Sicily as they did over the Straits of Dover before British fighters forced them to retire, that they do not lack daring—the bigger will be those losses and the greater the strain on the supply system.

Acknowledging that the British fleet is not to be scared into seeking security and less still a way out through scuttling, there is no obvious reason why the R.A.F. and the Navy together should not destroy the German air contingent's resources.

Landing in Sicily
In the last resort, a British landing in Sicily to clean up Nazi air nests should they become too great a source of embarrassment is possible with Malta as a base.

The attack on the *Illustrious* and the *Southampton* would seem to suggest that convoys in the Mediterranean like those in the English Channel must at vulnerable points wear their full "curtain" of jitters, balloons and fighters to ensure their greater security.

Of far more permanent importance to the Axis than Nazi intervention in Sicily would have been the basing of German air aid in the early days of the Italian reversal in Greece—better still, before the British landed at Crete—in the Dodecanese.

The British entry into Libya and the investment of Tobruk, the last port from which starving Dodecanese could be refreshed, have finally put an end to that possibility.

Transfer Of U. S. Warships

Knox Wants Freedom Of Action

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary for the Navy, declared that he would object to any clause being inserted in the Lease and Lend Bill to prevent the transfer of any part of the United States Navy.

He made this statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. He gave as the reason for his objection that he could foresee conditions under which the Navy could be transferred on very advantageous terms.

In the course of his evidence, he said that the essence of the President's plan was that the United States should become virtually the sole purchasing and distributing agency for war materials produced in the United States. There would thus be constituted one great funnel through which all such material would flow. "We shall then be in a position to apportion these munitions among ourselves and other democracies whose defense is important to us," declared Colonel Knox.

HUGE SPENDING APPROVED

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The House Naval Affairs Committee today approved and urged the prompt passing of a \$1,200,000,000 emergency authorization.

The bill would include the construction of 400 important auxiliary naval vessels costing \$400,000,000 of which the Navy Department would build only 280 at present.

Provision would also be made for the expenditure of \$315,000,000 on shipyards and \$104,000,000 to build factories made necessary by British needs for cargo ships and guns. It would also provide for the armour needed for American naval expansion.

Tribesmen Ready To Revolt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 16 (UP).—The British advisers of Haile Selassie said today that the Negus had sent a letter from Khartoum indicating that the Abyssinians were preparing to launch a campaign with 90 per cent of the tribesmen ready to revolt at the Emperor's command.

Italo-Greek Peace Talks Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Jan. 16 (UP).—Reliable neutral diplomatic sources declare that the Germans have been negotiating for some time at Athens for peace between Greece and Italy. The report is not confirmed.

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Eire Feels War Pinch

TRYING TO BUY SHIPPING

DUBLIN, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Eire's supply difficulties as the result of the war were discussed in the Dail this afternoon.

Mr Cosgrave, Opposition Leader, asked the Government to indicate what steps were contemplated for an equitable distribution of essential supplies in the event of an acute shortage developing. He referred to the recent restrictions on the use of petrol and spoke of the shortage of tea.

Could Have Been Worse

Seán Le Mass, Minister of Supplies, replying, said that the Country was lucky that it had not felt the effects of war more seriously during the last 18 months. There were full supplies of sugar and also cement, of which there was an exportable surplus, and there was clothing of all sorts.

Referring to the sinking of ships bringing goods to Eire, Seán Le Mass said that the Government was endeavouring to purchase ships but that might not solve the problem. The loss of ships had made supplies of petrol scarce. There was no cause for immediate anxiety as regards tea and there was no need for rationing.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

A higher level was recorded in Trams which took the lead in to-day's turnover, the general tone of the market being steady.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,300
Bank of East Asia \$75.50
Canton Ins. \$207.50
Union Ins. \$405
H.K. Fire Ins. \$165
Wharves \$95
Docks "O" \$18.50
Providence "S" \$5.05
Hotels \$3.50
Trams \$18.40
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Cements \$18.30
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Watsons \$11
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Cements \$18.00
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Sales
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1034) 82.25
H.K. Banks \$1,305
Wharves \$96
Trams \$18.40/55
Cements \$18.35

LATE NEWS

Washington Expects U.S. In War By April

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transfer to a friendly Power any part of the United States navy "on such considerations as he thinks will be in the interests of our defence."

Mr Fish persisted in questioning Colonel Stimson until the latter declared: "The President would have that power to-day to send the Navy into the heart of the world."

Mr Fish replied: "Yes, but he could not get away with it without being impeached."

Thai Troops In Blitzkrieg Offensive

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that Bantung, which is south of Sisophon and about 40 miles from the border is completely deserted as a result of the bombings by Thai planes and the threat of a Thai invasion.

A few French troops remain with some neutrals, but they are pessimistic owing to the lack of air defences, while they are trusting that the Thais will be unable to make any serious infantry invasions.

Russian Trade Laws

MOSCOW, Jan. 16 (UP).—Eleven industrial executives, engineers and foremen have been sentenced to from five to seven years for marketing defective and low quality industrial products.

Wu Teh-chen In Rangoon

BURMA ROAD A LINK OF FRIENDSHIP

RANGOON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—"China regards the Burma Road as one of her lifelines and looks on the re-opening of the Road as another gesture of Sino-British friendship. I wish to point out that keeping the Road open will help to bring victory for China and peace and stability to the Far East," said General Wu Teh-chen in a statement here to-day.

General Wu added: "Because Burma and China are next door neighbours, security and peace in Burma is important to China while China's development means a great deal to Burma."

General Wu disclosed that they had succeeded in establishing strong economic bases in the northwest and southwest provinces and were developing the neutral resources of that region.

He hoped that the Yunnan-Burma Railway would soon be completed in order to develop the potential trade between China and Burma.

Pondicherry Official Joining De Gaulle

MADRAS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—It is reported from the French settlement of Pondicherry that Charles Bron, the French India labour superintendent, has gone to Singapore in connection with the Free French movement.

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